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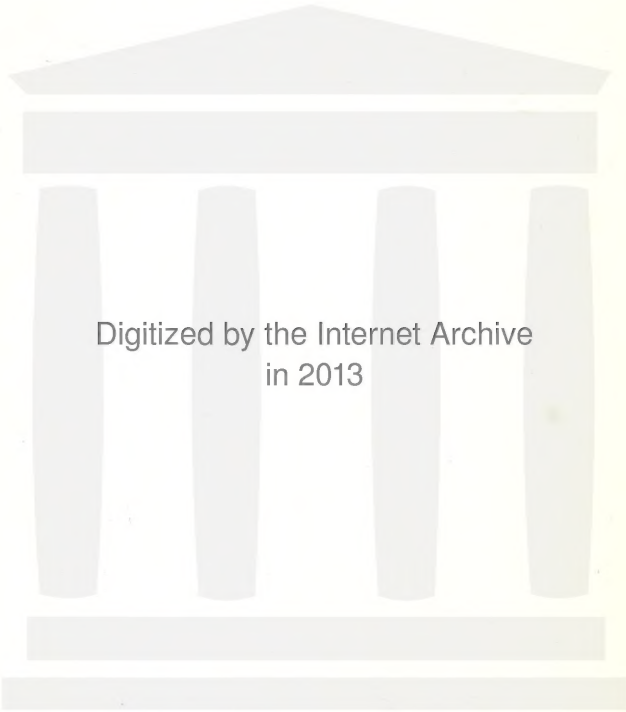
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OF THE

Twenty-fifth Annual Session

OF THE

Alexander County Baptist Association

HELD WITH

LEBANON CHURCH

October 5, 6, 7, and 8

1911

OFFICERS

Moderator, J. L. GWALTNEY, Taylorsville, N. C.
Clerk, R. L. DOWNS, Taylorsville, N. C.

Next session will be held with Linney's Grove Church, Alexander County, beginning on Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1912.

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PROCEEDINGS.

Lebanon Baptist Church.

Thursday, October 5th, 1911.

The Alexander County Baptist Association convened, in its twenty-fifth annual session, with Lebanon Church. Introductory Sermon was preached by Eld. J. M. Shaver. Text, Songs of Solomon 6 : 10.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

In the absence of the Moderator the Association was called to order by the Clerk.

The session was opened with prayer by Eld. W. J. Bumgarner.

Letters from the churches were called for and Brethren J. L. Gwaltney and J. B. Echerd were asked to read them.

The following Messengers were enrolled :

Bethlehem —William W. Teague.
Lebanon.—E V. Bumgarner, W. A. Sweet, T. L. Bumgarner.
Pilgrim.—J. M. Query.
Three Forks —J. M. Jones. J. B. Echerd.
Taylor Springs.- R. D Williams, T. H. Williams.
Pleasant Hill.—W C. Kerley, F. S. Bowles, J. W. Pharr.
Mt. Nebo.—W. J. Allen.
Poplar Springs.—J. F. Walker, J. B. Walker.
Pleasant Grove.—R. E. Levan, E F, Levan, H. F. Goforth.
Taylorsville.—J L. Gwaltney, A. C. Payne.
Damascus —R F. Sloan. R. J. Sloan, S. C Johnson
Macedonia —J. E. Chatham, C. F. Friday, R. P. Brown.
Mt. Olive —J E, Deal, L. F Davis.
Dover —G. B. Pennell, W. D. Mooney.
Liledoun. -Represented by letter.
Bethel.—J. C. Bentley.

Concord,—W. G. Gryder, N. F. Warren.
Antioch.—E. L. Johnson, Thomas Keller, Lee Medlock.
Linney's Grove.—J. C. Campbell, E. J. Hendren.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

On motion of Bro. J. B. Echerd the following officers were elected by acclamation :

J. L, GWALTNEY, Moderator.
R. L. DOWNS, Clerk.
W. J. BUMGARNER, Treasurer.
W. S. McLEOD, Historian.

New churches and visiting brethren were called for ; but there were none of either.

The Constitution and By-Laws were read by Bro. A. C. Payne.

The Moderator then announced the following Committees ; to-wit :

Religious Exercises —Pastor and Messengers of Lebanon Church
Nominations.— W. J. Bumgarner, D. W. Pool, L. P. Gwaltney.
Finance.—J. B. Echerd, J. E. Chatham, A. C. Payne.
Digest of Church Letters.—W. W. Teague, J. M. Fortner, E. V. Bumgarner.

The following vacancy on standing committees was filled ; to-wit :

Duties to the Poor.—T, H. Williams.

By special order Bro. E. L Middleton, of Raleigh, Sunday School Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, was given the hour of 11 a. m. Saturday to address the Association on the subject of Sunday Schools.

The following order of exercises was adopted :

Prayer meeting at 9:30 a. m.
Sermon at 11 a. m.
Resume business at 1, p. m.
Adjourn at will.

The committee on religious exercises reports : Prayer meeting to-morrow by Bro. R. E. Levan, sermon by Eld. D. W. Pool.

Adjourned with benediction by Eld. W. R. Childers.

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FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Met as per adjournment. Prayer service conducted by Bro. R. E. Levan.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Delinquent churches being called for Sulphur Springs and Bethany presented letters which were read messengers enrolled as follows:

Sulphur Springs.—Willliam M. Lackey.
Bethany.—E. E. Pool.

Visiting brethren were called for and Eld. W. C. Meadows, of the Brushy Mountain Association, responded and was welcomed to a seat by the Moderator.

Eld. L P. Gwaltney read the report on Fundamental Doctrines and after being discussed by Elders L. P. Gwaltney and W. J. Bumgarner was adopted.

REPORT ON FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES.

All doctrines are fundamental either in a vital or practical sense.

Vital doctrines involve the salvation of the soul. These, in the judgement of your committee, that need special emphasis in the religious life of our day are, Repentance deep, pungent, humiliating and reforming in relation of fruit to the tree, as the initial step in our salvation. Also Regeneration by the Holy Spirit that produces a new life and not a mere intellectual grasp of truth.

Your committee, along practical lines, submit that our reward in the future state like the salvation of our souls, must be based solely in the merit of Jesus Christ. His life within us alone can produce works that can deserve reward. And finally we must anchor to the ever present and abiding Holy Spirit as our guide and panoply if we would be efficent in the Lord's work.

Respectfully Submitted,

L P GWALTNEY
W J. BUMGARNER } Committee.

The hour having arrived for the sermon, the choir sang "The rock amid the waves," and Eld. D. W. Pool preached. Text Romans 12:1.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION.

Church letters from Stony Point and Island Ford were read. Bro J. L. Teague was enrolled as messenger from Stony Point. Island Ford was represented by letter only. The mission funds accompaning church letter from Island Ford were, by order of the Association, given t Foreign Missions.

R. L. Downs read the report on education and after being discussed by Brethren R. L. Downs, J. L. Teague and Eld. J. A. White, was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee notes that, within the past few years, a change has come over the educational interests of the state.

State High Schools and local tax districts have rapidly taken the place of private academies and high schools.

Education is, therefore, becoming more and more a public concern and less and less a private business, This, we think, is well because it gives all a better opportunity to acquire a good education.

We are also glad to report that, in our opinion, the common schools within the bounds of this Association have improved a good deal in recent years All parents should be encouraged to patronize the public schools and in every way give their children the very best possible advantage for education that is within their power.

We desire to give our unqualified endorsement to the good work now being done by the State High Schools at Taylorsville and Stony Point

We are also proud that we have, fostered by Baptist interests in North Carolina, such splendid schools as Wake Forest College for our boys and Meredith College at Raleigh for our girls.

Respectfully Submitted,

R L DOWNS, } Committee.
J. A. WHITE. }

The report on evidences of call to the Ministry was submitted by Eld. J. M Shaver and after remarks by Elders J. M. Shaver and J. A. White was adopted.

REPORT ON EVIDENCES OF CALL TO THE MINISTRY.

The Bible clearly sets fourth the doctrine of a Divine call to the Ministry, and that no man should enter that sacred work except he that is called as was Aaron Heb. 5:4.

The spirit may manifest himself in many ways in selecting men for this work. but the plainest and most common evidences are: First. an abiding impression. by the spirit, upon the heart to preach the gospel. Second, a special interest in, and desire for, the salvation of souls. Third, an impression on the prayerful church that such a man is called to preach, Acts 13:2.

And as so much depends on every man standing in his proper place and as every christian in some measure feels impressed to work in the cause. we should in a special manner try to understand the voice of the Spirit. lest we should make the work to rest on men unchosen and reach fourth the hand unbidden as did Uzzah, Second Samuel 6:6-7.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. M. SHAVER, for Committee.

The church letter from Little River was filed with the following Messengers enrolled: J. W. Deal, Lee Robinette, Carl Rogers.

The report on duties to the poor was read by Bro. T. H. Williams and was spoken to by Bro. Williams and Eld's W. C. Meadows and . M. Shaver when Bro. E. L. Middleton of Raleigh, arrived who, after receiving the glad hand of welcome by the Moderator, continued the discussion by a most interesting and instructive speech in behalf of the Thomasville Orphanage. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON DUTIES TO THE POOR

No man need stand idle for want of something to do for we have the poor always with us. And the Lord has told us that it is our duty to help them. Mark 14:7, John 12:8. We are also commanded in First Cor. 16:2 to lay in store on the first day of the week as the Lord has prospered us, in order that we may be prepared to give. We earnestly advise that none of our churches allow any of their poor members to become county charges.

We would earnestly ask our brethren to contribute liberally to the Thomasville Orphanage.

Respectfully Submitted,
T H. WILLIAMS, for committee.

A public collection was then taken for the Orphanage, amounting to $7.52 which was turned over to Bro. Middleton to be forwarded.

The committee on Devotional Exercises reported: Prayer services to-morrow morning by Eld. W. C. Meadows.

When on motion the body adjourned.

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SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Prayer meeting conducted by Eld. W. C. Meadows.

Minutes of the preceeding day read and approved.

The report on Temperance was read by Bro. W. E. White and was discussed by Brethren W. E. White, J. L. Teague, S. C. Johnson and Elders W C. Meadows. D. W. Pool, J. M. Shaver and W. J. Bumgarner. It was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance means the moderate indulgence of the natural appetites and passions. Its opposit, intemperance, means excess and drunkenness.

Temperance is a fruit of the Spirit, and an indispensible factor in the christian life and walk. Intemperance is put down among the works of the flesh in Gal. 5;19—21, wherein it is declared that "they which do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God."

We may be intemperate in our Eating, Duet, 21:20-21, in our Dress, 1st Tim 2;9, our talk, James 3;2-10, but the most Heinous phase of intemperance is in the use of intoxicants, which has caused more trouble in the churches and the world at large than any other evil—the Christian is responsible for his example as well as for wrongs done in other ways, and no Christian can offord to set an example that would be hurtful to those weaker than himself.

Your Committee would suggest that faithful preaching be done, and that the churches use strict discipline along this line, and that every Scriptural means be used to arrest the progress of this mighty evil. Respectfully submitted

J. E CHATHAM,
W. E. WHITE, } Committee.
W. S. McLEOD,

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, Bro. E. L. Middleton, by special order, addressed the Association on the subject of Sunday Schools.

At the close of Bro. Middleton's speech Eld. J. A.

White called upon all who would pledge themselves to faithfully try to do more in the Sunday School work, during the coming year than ever before in life, to stand up.

A large number arose and Eld. L. P. Gwaltney, by request, offered an earnest prayer that God would help them all to keep the solemn pledge they had thus taken upon themselves.

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SATURDAY EVENING SESSION.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by Bro. W. E. White and adopted without discussion.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

No argument is necessary as to the importance of Sunday Schools. The burning question is that the churches take immediate and specific action, and re-organize the work as one of the great duties of a church as an organized body and make the Sunday School a constituent part of the church and its work.

Your Committee recomend that this Association advise all of its churches to unite and procure the services of some well known leader to give inspiration and instruction to our teachers and our people and form Institutes and Associations for the advancement and better prosecution of the work

W. E. WHITE.

Bro. W. E. White then offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved—That this Association hereby invites Bro. E. L. Middleton to make an appointment to meet the Sunday School workers of this Association, in Taylorsville, at any time that it may be convenient to make such an appointment.

The report on Missions was submitted by Eld. D. W. Pool and, after being spoken to by Elders D. W. Pool and W. J Bumgarner, was adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The duty of Missions is clearly taught and the promise of the Savior, backed by His Almighty power, given in Matt. 28:18-20 and Mark 16;15.

Let us never forget that the true missionary must be Spirit called and guided.

He must be clothed with church authority. See Acts 13:1-3 The irresponsible preacher ought never to be recognized. Acts 15:24. We ought never to forget that the missionary is given in answer to prayer and should be sustained by our prayers and contributions. See Phil. 4;16-19. Oh! for the Spirit that actuated Paul, Fuller and Carie.

We recommend that our mission money be given to Bro. T L. Blalock Respectfully submitted,

D. W. POOL,
W. J. BUMGARNER, } Committee.

The Treasurer then read his report which was approved.

Eld D. W. Pool read the report on Nominations which was adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

EDUCATION —J. A. White, A. F. Sharpe, T. H. Williams.

FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES.—J. M. Shaver, Ernest Bumgarner, W. E. White

TEMPERANCE.—W. S. McLeod, R. L. Davis, W. C. Linney.

CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATIONS.—J. P. Gwaltney, J. L. Teague, W. E. Linney.

MISSIONS.—J. W. Watts, A. C. Payne, G. Z. Bumgarner.

DUTIES TO THE POOR.—J. E. Chatham, C. L. Millsaps. Lloyd Teague.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—R. C. Cline, J. C. Blair, B. F. Patterson.

MESSENGERS TO ASSOCIATIONS.

BRUSHY MOUNTAIN.—L. P. Gwaltney, W. J. Bumgarner.

BRIER CREEK,—J. P. Gwaltney, D. W. Pool.

SOUTH YADKIN.—R. Lee Davis.

CALDWELL. —J. M. Shaver, W. S. McLeod.

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.—J. A. White, J. M. Shaver.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.—J. L. Teague

Place of next Association.—Linney's Grove.

Time.—Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in October 1912.

Preach Introductory Sermon.—G. Z. Bumgarner, Alternate R. L. Davis.

L. P. GWALTNEY,
D. W. POOL,
W. J. BUMGARNER } Committee.

REPORT ON DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

For 1911, the twenty-four churches of this Association report a total membership of 3489, with 186 baptisms, 40 received by letter, 13 restored, 53 deaths 74 dismissions by letter, 18 excluded, making a total gain over last year of 229

Contributions: Foreign Missions $193.89, State Missions $10.00. Orphanage $98 20. Fifteen churches report a combined salary of $1032 43. Other objects $198.52. Building and repairs $255.59. Sixteen Sunday Schools report a total membership of 1233 with $126.64 expended for literature. Minute funds $22.63.

E. V. BUMGARNER,
J. M. FORTNER } Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Received from the various churches as follows,

CHURCHES	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Minute Funds
Antioch	$ 5 00	$ 5 0	$ 1 80
Bethel	2 05		1 00
Bethany	4 00	15	90
Bethlehem		2 66	1 00
Concord	3 19		30
Dover			75
Damascus	10 68		1 00
Island Ford	2 35		10
Lebanon	16 45		1 20
Liledoun			1 00
Linney's Grove	8 39		1 30
Little River	1 75		90
Macedonia			1 00
Mt. Olive			80
Mt. Nebo			60
Pilgrim			80
Pleasant Grove	1 35		75
Pleasant Hill			85
Poplar Springs			1 08
Sulphur Springs			1 15
Stony Point		77	1 25
Three Forks			1 35
Taylorsville			1 15
Taylor Springs	5 40		60
C. S. Holton	25 00		
Total	$85 61	$ 8 58	$22 63

JNO. B. ECHERD,
J. E. CHATHAM. } Committee

TREASURER'S REPORT.

From October 2nd, 1910, to October, 1911.

Balance on hand. October 2nd'	$122 92	
By Check to T. L Blalock,		8119 21
By Check to Orphanage,		3 71
Total,	$122 92	$122 92
Nev. 7th Received of Taylor Springs,	$ 6 50	
' 18th Received of Sulphur Springs,	4 56	
June 29th Received of Three Forks,	12 16	
" 28th Received of Antioch,	4 62	
" 30th Received of Sulphur Springs,	7 15	
Received of Macedonia,	1 00	
Received of Lebanon,	5 00	
Received of Bethlehem,	4 10	
February 8th By Check to T. L Blalock,		$45 07
Total,	$45 07	$45 07
Feb. 23rd Received of Macedonia,	$ 4 20	
" 26th Received of Pleasant Hill,	2 35	
Received of Lebanon,	2 50	
March 12th Received of Antioch,	10 00	
Received of Damascus,	10 00	
Received of Sulphur Springs,	6 51	
Received of New Prospect,	5 65	
Received of Mt. Olive.	3 55	
Received of Little River,	1 00	
Received of Poplar Springs,	4 68	
Apr. 4, Rec'd of J. W. Watts—Po-Chow-home	211 10	
By Check to Jennie Lamas,		$ 5 00
By Check to T. L Blalock,		249 89
By Check to T. L. Blalock—Famine relief, China		6 65
Total,	$261 54	$261 54
May 8th Received of Three Forks,	$ 2 00	
" 23rd Received of New Prospect,	10 00	
June 20th Received of Mt. Olive,	1 35	
Received of Bethel.	5 51	
Received of Sulphur Springs.	4 48	
Received of Mt Nebo,	1 40	
Aug. 2nd Received of Stony Point,	10 00	
By Check to T. L. Blalock,		$34 74
Total.	$34 74	$34 74

Received of Antioch, for Orphanage,	$4 15	
By Check to Orphanage,		$4 15
Sept — Received of Antioch,	$ 4 86	
" 18th Received of Three Forks.	2 85	
" 19th Received of Sulphur Springs,	6 86	
" " Received of Macedonia,	1 55	
" 25th Received of Pleasant Hill,	2 65	
Received of Lebanon,	25 05	
Received of Antioch,	10 50	
Received of Linney's Grove,	8 39	
Received of Bethel,	2 05	
Received of Bethany,	4 00	
Received of Concord,	3 19	
Received of Damascus,	10 68	
Received of Island Ford,	2 35	
Received of C. S. Holton,	25 00	
Received of Little River,	1 75	
Received of Taylor Springs,	5 40	
Received of Mt. Olive,	25	
Balance on hand,	$117 38	
Received of Antioch, for Orphanage,	$ 5 00	
Received of Bethany, for Orphanage,	15	
Received of Bethlehem, for Orphanage,	2 66	
Received of Stony Point, for Orphanage.	77	
Received from Collection,	7 52	
Total.	$16 10	
Turned over to Bro. E. L. Middleton,		$16 10
Received Minute Fund, 1911,	$22 63	
Paid to Clerk,		$22 63

Bro T. H. Williams moved that a committee be appointed to confer with a committee from the Brier Creek Association in regard to a plan for teaching the true doctrine of the Bible to the young ministers within the bounds of the two Associations. Said committee to report to the next session of the Alexander Association. The motion carried and the following committee appointed, to.wit: J. M. Query, M. O. Williams and Noah Sloan

Bro. W. E. White then presented an article on lo-

cal Baptist history, which he had prepared by request of the Association. It was ordered printed in the minutes.

Correspondents being asked to report, Bro. W. S. McLeod stated that he had attended the Caldwell Association.

The Clerk was ordered to have 500 copies of the minutes printed and distributed.

On motion of Eld. J. A White the thanks of the Association were extended to the people of the community for their kindness and hospitality during the session. Also to the members of the choir for the splendid music furnished by them for the eccasion.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported: Eld. D. W. Pool to conduct prayer meeting. Eld. L. P. Gwaltney to preach at 11 o'clock to-morrow.

The choir then sang "Farther on," and the Association closed with prayer by Eld. J. A. White.

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SUNDAY.

Prayer service conducted by Eld. D. W. Pool.

At 11 o'clock Eld. L. P. Gwaltney preached an excellent and instructive sermon from Second Cor. 5 : 19-20

Collection for missions $5 00.

Benediction by Eld. D. W. Pool.

J. L. GWALTNEY, Moderator.

R. L. DOWNS, Clerk.

OBITUARIES.

Peter A. Childers was born March 17th 1840 and died August 14th, 1911. He joined Bethel church when a young man and later brought his letter to Three Forks. He leaves a wife, five sons and three daughters to mourn his departure. He was faithful in all the relations of life—as soldier, husband, father, neighbor, friend and church member. We trust his mantle has fallen on five noble sons.

George M. Fox was born September 19th 1841, and died June 23rd, 1911. In 1866 he married Mary A. Drum and in 1867 joined the Baptist church at Charity. Later he removed his memberships to Macedonia, where he served as deacon until his death. His was a quiet unassuming christian life such as a ways leaves a lasting impress behind.

Jefferson D. Brookshire was born June 16th 1861 and died Sept. 8th 1911. He leaves a wife and three children to mourn their loss. He had been a member of Three Forks church for about thirty years. He was remarkably good to visit the sick and help in time of need.

Sister Nettie Walker, wife of Bro J. A. Walker, died August 4th 1911. Aged about 34 years. She had been a faithful member of Lebanon church for about twenty years.

Mamie Herman was born Jan. 12th 1894 and died March 7th 1911. She had been a member of Three Fork church for about three years. She died in the full triumph of the christian's faith.

HISTORICAL WORK.

BY W. S. McLEOD.

The present session of the Association, while not as largely attended as some, was very harmonious, spiritual and helpful.

The weather was favorable, the congregation orderly and attentive and the discussions very interesting and instructive.

LEBANON CHURCH.

This church was organized March 29th 1884 with 41 members, by a presbytery composed of Elders Stephen Medlock, Moderator, W. J. Bumgarner, Clerk, C. C. Pool, J. B. Pool, D. M. Knight and S. D. Barnes. S. D. Barnes was chosen pastor and served until Dec. 1884. J. R. Teague from Jan. 1st 1885 till Aug. 1886. J. B. Pool from Aug. 1886 to Feb. 1892. W. J. Bumgarner from 1892 to Jan. 1902. At this time G. Z. Bumgarner was called to the pastorate and has served until the present time.

A. M. Bumgarner was Clerk when the church was organized and served till Jan. 1903, when T. L. Bumgarner, the present Clerk was chosen.

This church is remarkable for its good Sunday School, splendid singing and for the spirituality and harmony existing among its members.

PIONEER BAPTISTS
OF ALEXANDER ASSOCIATION

BY W. E. WHITE.

In 1766, there were 28 counties in North Carolina, and each county was by the British government, and also by act of the provincial Assembly constituted into a "parish" of the Church of England in which some preacher of that church was made a "rector" or religious governor for the people of that parish, and as such had legal right to a stipulated salary to be paid out of the public treasury or taxes collected in the county and disbursed to them by "vestrymen." The towns of Bath, Brunswick, Edenton, Halifax, Newbern. Salisbury, Wilmington and Tarboro were also constituted into parishes.

In that year, Woodmason a "Highchurchman" wrote an account of North Carolina and especially of its religious affairs, and the following passages occur in his writing; "The most zealous among the sects to propagate their notions and form establishments are the anabaptist. x x x x x so that the Baptists are now the most numerous and formidable body of people that the church has to encounter with in the interior and back parts of the province x x x x x But the Baptists have taken great prevalence and footing in North Carolina, and have taken such deep root there that it will require a long time and pains to grub up their layers."

None but clergymen of the established church had legal right to perform marriage ceremonies, and they took advantage of this to exact exorbitant sums of

money for this service. The civil officers who were appointed by the Governor and Council were extortionate and oppressive in their authority. Money became scarce. Forty bushels of wheat wagoned from Hillsboro to Fayetteville—80 miles—would bring forty shillings—five dollars. These and many other oppressions "fell with intolerable weight upon the people."

These unjust oppressions gave rise to various forms of organizations for remonstrance and ultimately of resistance to tyranny. The most important of these were the "Regulators" and these were strongest in Orange and adjacent counties. The following taken from the Colonial Records will illustrate:

"REGULATORS ADVERTISEMENT NO. 6.

At a general meeting of the Regulators held April 4th 1768 it was agreed to send Peter Craven and John Hows to request the late Sheriff and one Vestry-man to meet 12 men that we shall choose on Tuesday after court to produce to them a copy of the list of Taxables for each year and a list of the names and number of insolvents with and account of how the money was used by vestrymen and sheriffs, and the law for customary fees etc. 2nd that we hold a general meeting the first Monday in July, October January and April and each following until the business be completed to satisfaction at the meeting house near Moses Teagues, to which chief is to send one or more representatives from a private meeting according to our Association papers."

In consequence of this paper and another alleged resistance to the officers, the notorious Edmund Fanning of execrated memory, called out 5 companies of militia to "enforce the law."

Petitions signed by hundreds of citizens were forwarded to Gov Tryon and council but did no good. Among

these hundreds I find the following familiar names: James Barnes, William Payne, Brinsley Barnes, Francis Dorset, Andrew Culberson, Edward Teague, John White, Wm. Teague, William Marley, Benjamin Braswell, Thomas Jones, Sion Rogers. Peter Julian William Davis.

These contentions culminated in a battle on the banks of Alamance creek on the 16th of May 1771. The results of this battle is history. Defeated by superior power, scattered and hunted. these men mostly Baptist—but there were others—abandoned their homes, and emigrated beyond the haughty tyrants jurisdiction according to his own official acts

In 1772 Morgan Edwards a Baptist preacher stated that 1500 families had departed since the battle at Alamance and many others were waiting a chance to go

The early records of Little River church are lost, but the earliest we have—1822—Brinsley Barnes is recognized as one of its prominent members. He was excused from duty at Little River to superintend the building of a house at "the Graveyard" now known as Three Fork. Little River was originally "Barnes' School-house."

While the records does not show Thomas Jones' name as one of the members, it has been told the writer that he was one.

The church established as shown by the old document which was printed in last year's minutes—June 1797—was the growth of seed scattered from Alamance by Tryon's muskets. Edward Teague the founder, all the Austin's. George Payne and John Barnes came from Orange or the part of it that is now Chatham. William Sherrill and James Oxford were here before the Alamance people came to these frontiers, but whether they were Baptists before that time or not is not clearly known. They were born somewhere on the

Catawba river not higher than Oxford Ford, and spent their boyhood along that stream and this is the only clue that I have been able to obtain that the negro is the same Harry that kept the Indians out of the block-house in 1765 because it was below the ford that the blockhouse stood and Harry may have followed these younger men as they moved up stream.

Richard Brown on the roll was a soldier of the Revolution and came to this country from Virginia about the same time that the refugees from Alamance came in. He went to Tennessee after the war.

The pioneer preachers were Edward Teague, Wm Dodson, Sr. Richard Wallace, and perhaps others whose records are lost. The detailed accounts of each of these pioneers would be interesting but it would carry this paper beyond its limits. They served their day and generation faithfully and well. Their successors took up the work where they laid it down, and now we are on the stage, and what the future of this fair land will be, will depend upon our faithfulness as the present depended upon theirs.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	Baptized	Rec'd by letter	Restored	Total	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Deaths	Total	Males	Females	Total	Ordained Ministers	Time of Preaching
Antioch	30	4	1	35	4		11	15	149	203	352	2	4th
Bethel	2	2		4	12	2	3	17	95	135	230	2	1st
Bethany	5			5	4		2	6	58	72	130		4th
Bethlehem	17			17	2	3	2	7	75	37	112		3rd
Concord	7		1	8	3	1	1	5	40	64	104		4th
Dover	6		1	7	2		5	7	38	49	87	1	1st
Damascus	15	2		17	2	1	1	4			238		1st
Island Ford	4			4					18	27	45		1st
Lebanon			1	1	1		1	2	43	78	120	1	4th
Liledoun	18	2	1	21	9			9	58	73	131	1	4th
Linney's Grove						2	2	4	50	74	124	2	4th
Little River	15	2	1	18	6		1	7	40	62	102	1	4th
Macedonia	2	4	3	9	1		5	6	69	136	205		1st
Mt. Olive					7	2	4	13	51	85	136		2nd
Mt. Nebo							1	1	34	44	78		2nd
Pilgrim			1	1	1	1	2	4	78	68	146		2nd
Pleasant Grove	6	2		8			1	1	25	21	46		2nd
Pleasant Hill	7		1	8			1	1	40	84	124		4th
Poplar Springs	7			7	1		2	3	50	104	154		2nd
Sulphur Springs	4	2		6	6	1	3	10	73	117	190	1	2nd and 3rd
Stony Point	14	9		23			1	1	27	34	61		1st
Three Forks	25	1	1	27	5	3	3	11	98	159	257		3rd
Taylorsville		8	1	9	8	2	1	11	38	64	102	2	2nd
Taylor Springs	2	2		4			2	2	40	74	114		3rd

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

CHURCHES	Salary Pastors	Missions Foreign	Missions State	Orphanage	Minute Funds	Expenses Church	Other Objects
Antioch	$50 00	$14 48		$16 64	$ 1 80		$37 62
Bethel		7 56			1 00	$32 47	
Bethany	35 00	4 00		15	90	250 00	
Bethlehem	50 00	4 10		2 66	1 00		13 00
Concord	65 00	3 19			30		26 98
Dover	36 65				75		
Damascus	84 30	19 68		10 00	1 00	4 55	21 00
Island Ford			$ 2 35		10		14 38
Lebanon		32 55			1 20		20 00
Liledoun	108 00	10 00			1 00		
Linney's Grove		8 39			1 30		
Little River		1 75			90		
Macedonia	45 00	6 75			1 00	63 59	23 35
Mt. Olive	37 35	5 15			80		
Mt. Nebo		1 80		4 80	60		4 30
Pilgrim					80		
Pleasant Grove	40 00	1 35			75		
Pleasant Hill		6 00			85		
Poplar Springs		4 68			1 08		
Sulphur Springs	125 00	25 00	10 00	56 61	1 15		
Stony Point	140 55	10 00		4 00	1 25		
Three Forks	50 58	17 01		6 65	1 35		33 78
Taylorsville	125 00	10 00		10 00	1 15	75 75	20 00
Taylor Springs	40 00	5 40			60		

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES	SUPTS.	POST-OFFICE	Enrolled	Average	Sunday School Expenses	Officers and Teachers
Antioch	J. C. Blair	Taylorsville R. 4, N. C.	50	30	$ 4 50	4
Bethel	J. E. Gilreath			40		
Bethany	J. F. Moore	Poors Knob, N. C.	66	40		6
Bethlehem	Wm. W Teague	Bentley, N. C.	80	45	5 00	7
Concord						
Dover	G. B Pennell	Taylorsville R. 4, N. C.	55	25		3
Damascus	N. G Sloan	Statesville R 5, N C.	81	38	5 56	6
Island Ford						
Lebanon	E. V. Sumgarner	Taylorsville R, 5, N. C	56			6
Liledoun	A. F. Ball	Liledoun, N. C.	114		25 00	4
Linney's Grove	C. J. Gwaltney	Hiddenite R, 1, N. C.		25		
Little River						
Macedonia						
Mt. Olive	W. A. Sluping	Taylorsville, N C.		32		5
Mt. Nebo	J T. Christopher	Stony Point, N. C.	54	41		4
Pilgrim	R Carson	Hiddenite R. 1, N. C.	60			5
Pleasant Grove	R. E. Levan	Stony Point, N. C.	63		3 00	8
Pleasant Hill	J. W. Pharr	Taylorsville R, 3, N C.			4 00	3
Poplar Springs						
Sulphur Springs	B, F. Patter on	Hiddenite. N. C.	105	53		8
Stony Point	A. L Watts	Stony Point, N, C	75	55	22 74	
Three Forks	W. S. McLeod	Taylorsville R. 4, N, C,	168	100	6 50	18
Taylorsville	J. D. Smith	Taylorsville, N. C.	142	70	26 00	9
Taylor Springs	G. A. Godfrey	New Hope, N. C.	67	45		7

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CHURCHES	PASTORS	POST-OFEICE	CLERKS	POST-OFFICE
Antioch	J. M. Shaver	Taylorsville No. 4, N. C.	R. S. Austin	Taylorsville No. 4, N. C.
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Bethany	W. E. Linney	Hiddenite No. 1, N C.	E. E. Pool	Gilreath. N. C.
Bethlehem	J M. Shaver	Taylorsville No. 4, N. C.	Wm. W. Teague	Bentley, N. C.
Concord	J. N. Binkley	....	W. C. Price	Stony Point, N. C.
Dover	J. W. Watts	Liledoun, N. C.	G. B. Pennell	Taylorsville No. 4, N. C.
Damascus.....	J P. Gwaltney	Hiddenite No. 1, N. C.	C. L. Millsaps	Statesville No. 5, N. C.
Island Ford.	W. J. Wyatt	Troutman, N. C.	T. A Stewart	Stony Point, N. C.
Lebanon	G. Z. Bumgarner	Taylorsville No. 5, N C.	T. L. Bumgarner	Taylorsville No. 5, N C.
Liledoun	L. P. Gwaltney	Hiddenite No. 1, N. C.	J. W. Watts	Liledoun, N C.
Linney's Grove...	J. P. Gwaltney	Hiddenite No. 1, N. C.	J. F. Baker	Hiddenite No 1, N. C.
Little River	G. Z. Bumgarner	Taylorsville No. 5, N. C.	J. W. Deal	Taylorsville No. 5, N. C.
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Three Forks.....	W J. Bumgarner	Taylorsville No 5, N. C.	Jno B. Echerd	Taylorsville No 4, N, C.
Taylorsville ...	L P. Gwaltney	Hiddenite No. 1, N. C.	J. L. Gwaltney	Taylorsville, N. C.
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PROCEEDINGS.

Linney's Grove Baptist Church,
Thursday, October 10th, 1912.

The Alexander County Baptist Association met, in its twenty-sixth annual session with Linney's Grove Church. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder G. Z. Bumgarner. Text: Micah 6:8.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Elder D. W. Pool.

Letters from the churches were called for and Brethren W. E. White and J. B. Echerd were requested to read them.

The following Messengers were enrolled:

Three Forks—Jno. B. Echerd, W. S. McLeod, Vance Bebber.
Mt. Olive—C. E. Lowe, Parks Russell.
Pleasant Hill—J. W. Pharr, S. J. Harrington.
Damascus—C. L. Millsaps, M. G. Sloan, J. P. Stout.
Dover—G. B. Pennell, Robert Teters.
Lebanon—J. M. Fortner.
Liledoun—Jona Harris, J. W. Watts.
Linney's Grove—J. C. McLean, N. W. Baker, J. F. Baker.
Little River—J. W. Deal, G. Z. Bumgarner.
Bethany—W. R. Moore, E. E. Pool.
Pilgrim—R. Carson, B. F. Childers, R. M. Millsaps.
Macedonia—H. Christopher.
Sulphur Springs—Wm. M. Lackey, Z. B. Sharpe.
Mt. Nebo—B. F. Steele, J. F. Burgess, T. P. Lackey.
Pleasant Grove—J. J. Levan, R. L. Levan, C. L. Meadows.
Poplar Springs—D. F. Walker.
Taylorsville—J. G. Harrington, A. C. Payne.
Stony Point—A. L. Watts, Sylvester Grose, J. L. Teague.
Bethel—L. E. Barnes, W. S. Hendren, J. L. Childers.
Antioch—W. E. White, R. L. Downs.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

On motion of Elder D. W. Pool the following officers were unanimously elected by acclamation:

J. L. GWALTNEY, Moderator.
R. L. DOWNS, Clerk.
A. L. WATTS, Treasurer.
W. S. McLEOD, Historian.

The Moderator then announced the following committees:

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Messengers of Linney's Grove Church.

Nominations—J. P. Gwaltney, W. S. McLeod, L. E. Barnes.

Finance—A. L. Watts, H. Christopher, J. M. Fortner.

Digest of Church Letters—J. G. Harrington, Lee Millsaps, Jacob Deal.

The following vancancies on standing committees were filled, to-wit:

Education—W. E. White, J. L. Teague.
Sunday Schools—W. J. Bumgarner, G. Z. Bumgarner, W. E. White.
Church and Pastoral Relations—D. W. Pool.
Fundamental Doctrines—L. P. Gwaltney.

The subject of Missions was made a special order for 10 a. m. Saturday.

The following order of exercises was adopted:

Prayer meeting at 9:30 a. m.
Business session at 10 a. m.
Sermon at 11 a. m.
Intermission.
Resume business at 1 p. m.
Adjourn at will.

New churches were called for and Bro. A. L. Johnson presented a certificate concerning the organization of Mt. Hermon Baptist Church and asked that it be allowed to join the Association.

The church was gladly received and the following Messengers enrolled—A. L. Johnson, J. C. Johnson.

Visiting brethren were called for and Elder W. T.

Comer, of the Briar Creek Association, and Elder J. W. Griffin, of West Hickory, South Fork Association, responded and were welcomed to seats by the Moderator.

The Constitution and By-Laws were read by Bro. W. E. White.

The committee on devotional exercises reports:

Prayer meeting to-morrow conducted by Bro. C. L. Millsaps, sermon by Elder J. M. Shaver.

Adjourned with prayer by Bro. W. E. White.

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FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association met as per adjournment.

Prayer meeting conducted by Bro. C. L. Millsaps.

Minutes of yesterday read and corrected.

Delinquent churches being called for Taylor Springs and Bethlehem presented letters which were read and Messengers enrolled as follows:

Taylor Springs—T. H. Williams, H. T. Williams.
Bethlehem—Wm. W. Teague.

The reports of standing committees were called for and Elder J. M. Shaver submitted the report on Fundamental Doctrines and after being discussed by Elders J. M. Shaver and L. P. Gwaltney and Bro. W. E. White was adopted.

REPORT ON FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES.

What your committee understands by fundamental doctrines are those Bible truths which most directly underlie and affect the salvation of man and the spiritual development and growth of the church, such as:

First: The fall of man by his own voluntary transgression.

Second: The redemption of man by the suffering and death of Christ.

Third: Salvation by grace and not of works.

Fourth: The observance of the Christian Sabbath which so vitally affects the worship and spirituality of the Church and the spread of the gospel.

Your committee would urge that our ministers study more carefully the doctrines of the Bible, that the people may be more thoroughly indoctrinated so that our hopes may rest not upon the surface or a sandy

foundation but upon the word of God which liveth and abideth forever.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SHAVER
L. P. GWALTNEY } Committee.
W. E. WHITE

The hour having arrived for the sermon the congregation sang, "Star in the East" and Elder J. M. Shaver preached. Text: Micah 7:1.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

The report of the committee on Temperance was handed in and read by the Clerk and after being spoken to by Brethren W. S. McLeod, W. C. Linney, J. L. Teague and Elders R. Lee Davis, D. W. Pool, J. M. Shaver and J. W. Griffin was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is one of the Christian graces; II Peter 1: 5, 6: "Add to your faith*****knowledge and to knowledge temperance." The opposite of temperance is intemperance. In its path follow a great majority of the woes of life. One of the great proplems of the Church of today is how to deal with the intemperate use of alcoholic liquors To this curse may be traced so much woe that we feel that the injunction "Touch not, taste not, handle not," may well be applied to it

The laws of our State in regard to the manufacture, sale and use of liquor are all that could be desired. What we need most is to teach our people the importance of upholding and enforcing the law. Hebrews 13:17; "Obey them that have the rule over you."

It is the duty of all Christians to help the weak brother by laboring to keep temptation away from him as much as possible.

Let us rejoice and take courage because so much progress has been made.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S McLEOD
R LEE DAVIS } Committee.
W. C LINNEY

Bro. J. W. Griffin asked for aid and the prayers of the brethern in the building of a Baptist church in West Hickory, N. C.

Bro. W. E. White read the report on Education which after being discussed by Brethren T. H. Williams, J. L.

Teague, W. E. White and Elders J. P. Gwaltney and W. T. Comer was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

Change is written upon all human employments and human institution Conditions and environments of a few years ago, have changed to new conditions and environments, and methods, operations and applications must of necessity undergo a corresponding change But while these change, all underlying truths and principles are eternal and do not change Education means to draw out, to expand, to train, to cultivate and to inform the human intellect and all other human powers and faculties The methods of accomplishing these ends used in past days are gradually but surely giving way to new methods adapted to new conditions and while these changes are passing, it is the especial duty of a church to guard and safeguard the eternal principles of the Bible as applied to the education of our children but at the same time to preserve the spiritual integrity of its own great and peculiar work

W. E WHITE
J. L TEAGUE
T H WILLIAMS } Committee.

Bro. W. E. White then offered the following resolution, which after a few brief remarks by several of the brethren was unanimously adopted:

Resolved 1st —That it is the sense of this Association that the property located in the town of Taylorsville known as the United Baptist Institute, and held in fee by a board of Trustees for Educational purposes, can better subserve the purposes for which it was originally granted by transferring the same for an appropriate Consideration, to the State and County authorities of the State High School system to-wit: The Board of Education.

2nd —That we advise the Trustees to execute a title to the aforesaid Authorities for the aforesaid premises for a consideration of not less than one thousand dollars and the Chairman of the Trustees, be authorized to invest the proceeds of said sale in safe interest bearing securities and apply the income arising from said investment to the education of young ministers under the direction of this Association

Elders D. W. Pool and R. Lee Davis were added to the Committee on Duties to the Poor.

The Committee on religious exercises reports:

Prayer meeting to-morrow morning by Bro. J. L. Teague.
Sermon by Elder W. J. Bumgarner.

Adjourned with prayer by Elder J. P. Gwaltney.

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SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Met as per adjournment.

Prayer service conducted by Bro. J. L. Teague.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

By special order the subject of Missions was taken up. Elder J. W. Watts read the report which, after being discussed by Elders J. W. Watts, G. Z. Bumgarner, J. M. Shaver, Brethren W. E. White and J. L. Teague, was adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Your committee on Missions beg leave to recommend: 1.—To our ministry and our brethren sustaining them, prayerful thought and effort to occupy a destitute section in the bounds of our association this destitution is adjacent to and lies along the Catawba river and is wholly destitute of Baptist preaching and the vital truths which underlie the salvatlon of the soul.

2.—While your committee has grave fears that our missionary in China does not fully appreciate the binding force of our marching orders given by our Lord in Matt. 10: 9–10, Mark 6:8, and Luke 10: 3–4. These Scriptures linked with the last commission of our Lord show that the missionary must go forth depending solely upon his Lord for every need and must not turn aside from this great work even though "tent making," trials and great self denial lie in his path; believing that our missionaries are feeling their way to this basal principle in new Testament Evangelization in their efforts to preach the Gospel to and not Educate or Civilize the heathen world and that they offer no subsidizing inducements to become Christians but are striving to establish a regenerated self-supporting self-denying christianity in China. We therefore recommend: Earnest prayer and increased sacrifices that the light of the Gospei truth may shine and save this dark and benighted land.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. WATTS,
G. Z. BUMGARNER } Committee.

On motion of Elder L. P. Gwaltney the courtesies of the Association were extended to Rev. Mr. Smathers, a Methodist minister who happened to be present. The hour having

arrived for preaching, the congregation sang, "The Lone Pilgrim" and Elder W. J. Bumgarner preached. Text, II Chronicles 8:1.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

Elder D. W. Pool read the report on Duties to the Poor, which after being spoken to by Elder D. W. Pool was adopted.

REPORT ON DUTIES TO THE POOR.

We are taught in 1st. John 4:8 that "God is love," in James 2: 14–22 that our faith in God is shown by our works and in 1st. John 3:17 "Whoso hath this world's goods and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him."

One of the ways of showing this love is in helping support the 400 orphan children at our Thomasvile Orphanage. This plant, which has grown in a few years from a small beginning to its present magnitude, is calling on us as never before for our aid and the money we contribute goes directly to the support of the children. Nearly all the buildings having been erected by private individuals.

The recent gift of the $100,000.00 Kennedy farm will be the means of giving the children a better training as farmers and also of the enlargment of the Orphanage work.

We urge each church to take quarterly collections and each Sunday School monthly collections for this work.

Respectfully submitted,

R. LEE DAVIS
D. W. POOL } Committee.

A collection was then taken for the Thomasville Orphanage amounting to $10.66.

The report on Church and Pastoral Relations was submitted by Elder J. P. Gwaltney and after being spoken to by Elders J. P. Gwaltney, D. W. Pool and Bro. J. L. Teague was adopted.

REPORT ON CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATIONS.

The relation between pastor and people is an important relation, and hard to keep in its proper place. The preacher is a servant of the church (not a slave,) neither is he a hireling. The relation is very

tender, it is represented in the word as being paternal, 1st. Cor. 4:15; and also as material, 1st. Thes. 2: 7–8. The pastor's right is strongly established by the word, 1st. Cor. 9th chapter; and also the abuse of his right closely safeguarded.

We feel that the churches of this association have never respected the pastor's right in the way of giving him a support, as they should. We believe that our churches would be greatly helped by doing their full scriptural duty in this respect.

J. P. GWALTNEY
D. W. POOL } Committee.
J L. TEAGUE

Bro. W. E. White then read the report on Sunday Schools. The report was adopted as submitted and the discussion of the subject deferred until 10 o'clock a. m. Sunday.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your committee present the following passages from the Bible for the consideration of the brethren of the Churches to which the record of the proceedings of this session shall come.

Mark 6:2. "And when the Sabbath day was come he began to teach in the synagogue."

Luke 13:16. "And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath."

Luke 6:6. "And it came to pass also on another Sabbath, that he entered into the synagogue and taught."

Luke 4:16. "And he came to Nazareth where he had been brought up, and as his custom was he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up for to read."

W. E. WHITE
G. Z. BUMGARNER } Committee.

Bro. T. H. Williams made a brief report on the success of the arrangement suggested at last years session of the Association, for the teaching of the Bible to young ministers within the Briar Creek and Alexander Associations.

The following resolution, which was offered by Bro. T. H. Williams, was unanimously adopted:

Be it Resolved, That this body tender its thanks to the good people of Linney's Grove for the bountiful way in which they have supported and entertained this Association.

If abundance of good things to eat and kindness are any sign of grace it certainly does exist around Linney's Grove

for we have never seen anything to beat it.

Bro. W. E. White read the report on Nominations, Bro. J. G. Harrington submitted the report on Digest of Church letters and Bro. A. L. Watts that of the committee on Finance. All of which were approved. The Executive Board of the Association was ordered to receive and pass on the Treasurer's report which was not yet ready.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES—W. J. Bumgarner, M. G. Sloan, R. L. Davis.

TEMPERANCE—R. L. Downs, Wade Williams, J. B. Echerd.

CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATIONS—G. Z. Bumgarner, T. H. Williams, J. L. Teague.

SPIRITUALITY OF THE CHURCHES—L. P. Gwaltney, J. M. Shaver, J. M. Fortner.

MISSIONS—J. M. Shaver, W. W. Teague, R. C. Cline.

DUTIES TO THE POOR—E. V. Bumgarner, C. L. Millsaps, J. G. Harrington.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—W. E. White, S. C. Johnson, A. C. Payne.

MESSENGERS TO ASSOCIATIONS.

BRIER CREEK—J. P. Gwaltney, D. W. Pool.
CALDWELL—J. M. Shaver, W. S. McLeod.
SOUTH YADKIN—Sylester Grose, A. W. White.
STATE CONVENTION—R. L. Davis, B. F. Steele.
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION—A. L. Watts.

Time of next Association—Thursday before the Second Sunday in October 1913.

Place—Taylorsville.

Preach Introductory Sermon—J. U. Teague, Alternate J. M. Shaver.

W. S. McLEOD
J. P. GWALTNEY } Committee.
L. E. BARNES

REPORT OF DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS FOR 1912.

Twenty-three Churches of this Association report a total membership of 3458, with 165 baptisms. Received by letter 44. Restored 22.

Died 27. Dismissed by letter 128. Excluded 14.

Two churches not reported.

Contributions: Foreign Missions $223.15; State Missions $19.31; Orphanage, Church and Sunday School $111.72; Twelve churches report a combined salary of $791.00; Other objects $38.58; Building and repairs $40.75; Incidentals $107.63; Help to the Poor 34.45; Minute Fund $21.83; Twelve Sunday Schools report total membership 927; Expended for literature $88.06.

J. W. DEAL
J. G. HARRINGTON } Committee.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Received from the various churches as follows:

CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions	State Missions	Orphanage	Minute Fund	Poor
Antioch	$ 2 85			$ 95	
Bethel	6 35			1 50	
Bethany	7 00			95	
Bethlehem	4 50			75	
Concord					
Dover	1 75			60	
Damascus				1 30	
Island Ford					
Lebanon				1 00	
Liledoun				1 00	
Linney's Grove	8 95			1 05	
Little River	13 05			45	
Macedonia	6 05			1 35	
Mt. Olive				1 00	
Mt. Nebo				60	
Mt. Herman				1 20	
Pilgrim	4 00			90	
Pleasant Grove				80	
Pleasant Hill				65	
Poplar Springs				88	
Sulphur Springs				65	
Stony Point				1 25	
Three Forks				1 05	
Taylorsville				2 00	
Taylor Springs	4 65			75	
C. S. Holton	25 00				
Total	$84 15			$22 63	

H. CHRISTOPHER,
J. M. FORTNER,
A. L. WATTS, } Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

From October 1911, to October 1912.

1911 To balance in hand	$118 79	
Nov. 10 Sulphur Springs	4 83	
By check to T. L. Blalock		$123 62
Total	$123 62	$123 62
1912 April 23 Sulphur Springs	$ 17 37	
March 17 Three Fork church	4 30	
" " Pleasant Hill church	1 00	
April 15 Lebanon church	7 00	
" " Macedonia "	3 25	
May 16 By check to T. L. Blalock		$ 32 92
Total	$ 32 92	$ 32 92
July 6 Lebanon church	$ 7 20	
May 18 Damascus "	9 80	
June 18 Three Fork church	4 22	
" 20 Sulphur Springs church	3 35	
" 25 Antioch church	5 00	
July 3 Bethel "	6 08	
" 12 Forwarded to T. L. Blalock		$ 35 65
Total	$ 35 65	$ 35 65
August 18 Three Fork church	$ 8 37	
Sept. 17 Sulphur Springs "	10 28	
" " Mt. Olive "	6 25	
" " Pleasant Hill "	1 60	
" " Lebanon "	18 11	
" " Nebo "	2 06	
" " Liledoun "	10 00	
Oct. 10 Stony Point "	10 73	
" " Damascus "	8 80	
" " Boomer "	4 56	
Bethel "	6 35	
Antioch "	2 85	
Macedonia "	6 05	
Pilgrim "	4 00	
C. S. Holton	25 00	
Dover "	1 75	
Taylor Springs "	4 65	
Little River "	13 05	

Bethany "	7 00	
Linney's Grove "	8 95	
Bethlehem "	4 50	
Sunday collection	15 78	
Balance on hand Missions		$ 181 69
Total	$ 181 69	$ 181 69
Received for Orphanage Three Fork church	$ 1 85	
" " " Lebanon church	1 25	
" " " Association collection	10 66	
Balance on hand Orphanage		$13 76
Total	$ 13 76	$ 13 76
Received from Three Fork for T. L. Spencer	$1 40	
By check to T. L. Spencer		$1 40
Minute Fund	$22 63	
Turned over to Clerk		$22 63

W. J. BUMGARNER, Treasurer.

Correspondents being called on to report it was found that none present had attended the meetings to which they had been appointed.

The matter of printing and distributing the minutes was referred to the Executive Board of the Association.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported:

Prayer meeting at 9:30 a. m. to-morrow conducted by Elder W. J. Bumgarner.

Sermon by Elder L. P. Gwaltney at 11 a. m.

Sermon by Elder J. W. Watts at 12 m.

The brethren then engaged in an old-fashioned "hand shake" and the Association adjourned with prayer by Bro. Jona Harris.

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SUNDAY.

Prayer service conducted by Bro. H. T. Williams.

Sunday School talks were then made by Brethren W. E.

White, H. T. Williams, J. L. Teague and Elders W. T. Comer and D. W. Pool.

The hour for preaching having arrived, and Elder L. P. Gwaltney being sick and unable to attend, Elder J. W. Watts preached a strong and impressive sermon from Revelation 2:4.

Collection for Missions $15.78.

Benediction by Elder W. J. Bumgarner.

J. L. GWALTNEY, Moderator.

R. L. DOWNS, Clerk.

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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

W. J. BUMGARNER,	Taylorsville,	R. 5,	N. C.
W. R. CHILDERS,	"	"	"
L. P. GWALTNEY,	Hiddenite,	R. 1,	"
J. P. GWALTNEY,	"	"	"
A. M. PENNELL,	Taylorsville,	R. 4,	"
J. M. SHAVER,	"	"	"
J. U. TEAGUE,	"	"	"
D. W. POOL,	"		"
R. LEE DAVIS,	Hiddenite,		"
G. Z. BUMGARNER,	Taylorsville,	R. 5,	"
J. W. WATTS,	Liledoun,		"
W. E. LINNEY,	Hiddenite,	R. 1,	"
E. V. BUMGARNER,	Taylorsville,	" 5,	"

HISTORIAN'S WORK.

No more interesting or successful session of the Association has been held in recent years, than the present. The weather was fine and the congregations unusually large and attentive. All the discussions and religious exercises were characterized by the most intense earnestness as well spirituality of thought, and much good, we trust, was accomplished in the way of encouraging and strengthening the Lord's workers in his vineyard.

The hospitality of the people was unbounded. The Association has never been entertained better, if as well, at any of its previous meetings.

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LINNEY'S GROVE CHURCH.

This church was organized October 2nd, 1875, with 33 members, by a presbytery composed of Elders W. J. Hopkins, D. W. Pool, A. H. Goodin and L. P. Gwaltney.

On Sept. 19th, 1896, J. P. Gwaltney was chosen pastor. He had served the church for one year previous to this time. He served until Sept. 16th, 1899. W. T. Comer from Sept. 16th, 1899, till Oct. 20th, 1901. J. P. Gwaltney from Oct. 20th, 1901 till Sept. 1908. T. E. Redmon from Sept. 1908 till Jan. 1911. J. P. Gwaltney then served 8 months when W. T. Comer was again called to the pastorate and has served until the present time.

J. J. Hendren was made Clerk Oct. 2nd, 1895, and served till July 15th, 1899, when J. F. Baker, the present clerk, was chosen.

The present church membership numbers 121. The church property, consisting of grounds, a nice house of worship and commodious arbor, is beautifully situated not far from the old Linney homestead, the birth place and boyhood home of our distinguished fellow citizen, the late Hon. R. Z. Linney.

OBITUARIES.

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William Johnson was born Nov, 27th, 1827 and died March 24th, 1912.

He joined the Baptist church at Damascus in 1848 and lived a consistent christian life for more than 63 years.

He was married three times and was the father of seven children. He leaves a bereaved and very much afflicted widow and children, a large circle of relatives and a host of friends to mourn their loss. "Uncle Billie," as he was familiarly known, was a loving husband and kind and affectionate father and esteemed friend, a good neighbor and a devoted Christian.

We bow our heads in submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well, realizing that our loss is his eternal gain.

J. C. Millsaps was born July 4th, 1836, and died Feb. 24th, 1912.

He joined Bethel church in Sept. 1853. In Oct. 1874 he was ordained a deacon. He removed his church membership to Pilgrim in 1883, where he remained a faithful and consistent member acting as deacon till the time of his death. He was a devoted husband and a kind and loving parent. His was a quiet unassuming Christian life.

M. Swaim was born May 12th, 1826 and died Sept. 20th, 1912.

He joined Little River church when quite a young man, but afterward removed his membership to Three Forks. He was one of the oldest members of that church at the time of his death.

Mrs. Martha L. Rogers was born June 24th, 1831, and died Sept. 9th, 1912.

She joined the Baptist church at Little River when quite a young girl. Afterwards she moved her membership to Taylorsville, where she belonged at the time of her death. She was a good woman and, we feel sure, has gone to a better land.

Bertha Shaver Blair was born March 28th, 1892, and died Nov. 20th, 1911.

When very young, she professed faith in Christ and joined the church at Antioch. She was not only a faithful and consistent church member but was one of the most devout and consecrated christians the writer has ever known. She was the oldest child of Bro. J. M. Shaver and the wife of Bro. J. C. Blair.

It was her hope and intention to become a missionary to China as it was also that of her husband. But an all wise Providence decreed that it should not be.

The bride of a few months was taken from her young husband and carried by the angels of God up to that brighter and better world above.

Hannah Oxford Teague, wife of the late Wm. S. Teague, was born Sept. 5th, 1825, and died Jan. 5th, 1911.

Some years after her marriage she joined the Baptist church at Macedonia. Later she moved her membership to Antioch where she belonged at the time of her death.

She was a sister of the late Rev. Isaac Oxford, a noted Baptist preacher of this section, and was one of the youngest and last of a large family noted for long life and great physical endurance.

TABLE I-FINANCIAL.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Minute Funds	Other Objects	TOTAL
Antioch	$50 00	.....	$ 6 11	$ 1 50	.....	.....	$16 96	$ 4 84	$ 95	$ 8 00	$ 88 36
Bethel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 43	.....	1 50	.....	13 93
Bethany	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00	.....	85	.....	7 85
Bethlehem	50 00	$10 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	4 50	.....	75	.....	75 25
Concord	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dover	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 75	.....	60	.....	32 35
Damascus	70 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 60	9 30	1 30	30 58	129 78
Island Ford	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lebanon	40 00	.....	10 00	.....	$ 1 00	.....	32 31	1 25	1 00	.....	55 56
Liledoun	96 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	1 00	.....	107 00
Linney's Grove	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 95	.....	1 05	.....	10 00
Little River	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 05	.....	45	.....	13 50
Macedonia	40 00	.....	10 00	5 00	.....	.....	9 30	.....	1 35	1 35	67 00
Mt. Olive	.....	.....	27 95	.....	.....	.....	6 25	.....	1 00	.....	35 20
Mt. Nebo	35 00	.....	.....	80	.....	.....	2 06	4 26	50	.....	46 62
Mt. Hermon	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 20	.....	1 20
Pilgrim	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 45	.....	4 00	.....	90	.....	18 35
Pleasant Grove	40 00	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	.....	43 30
Pleasant Hill	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 60	.....	65	.....	3 25
Poplar Springs	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	88	.....	88
Sulphur Springs	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	$10 00	33 32	47 97	65	.....	191 94
Stony Point	140 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 31	10 73	22 62	1 25	.....	183 91
Three Forks	.....	.....	23 82	.....	20 00	.....	16 89	1 85	1 05	.....	63 61
Taylorsville	100 00	30 75	19 75	15 70	.....	.....	.....	3 00	2 00	.....	171 20
Taylor Springs	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 65	.....	75	6 00	11 40
Total	791 00	40 75	107 63	25 50	34 45	19 31	215 35	95 09	$22 43	45 93	1371 44

TABLE II—STATISTICS

CHURCH	PASTOR	POST OFFICE	CLERKS	POST OFFICE	Time of Preaching	Value of Church Property	Seating Capacity	Ordained Ministers	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Number of Males	Number of Females	Total Membership
Antioch	J. M, Shaver	Taylorsville, R 4	W. O. Bowman	Taylorsville, R 4	4th	$ 800	300	2	12	3	1	8	4	4	156	203	359
Bethel	J. W. Watts	Liledoun	L. E. Barnes	Gilreath	3rd			2	28	7	1	9		3	102	152	254
Bethany	J. W. Watts	Liledoun	E. E. Pool	Gilreath	3rd				16	6	2	1		3	71	79	150
Bethlehem	J. M. Shaver	Taylorsville, R 4	Wm. W. Teague	Bentley	3rd	500	500		8	1	1	2		1	70	134	204
Dover	J. W. Watts	Liledoun	G. B. Pennell	Taylorsville, R 4	4th	500		1	3	4	1		1		42	51	93
Damascus	J. P. Gwaltney	Hiddenite, R 1	C. L. Milsaps	Statesville, R 5	1st				7	4	1	2		2			246
Lebanon	G. Z. Bumgarner.	Taylorsville	T. L Bumgarner	Taylorsville	4th	500	300	1	9		5	3			46	84	130
Liledoun	L. P. Gwaltney	Hiddenite	J. W. Watts	Liledoun	4th			1	5	2	1	15		1	55	68	123
Linney's Grove	W. T. Comer	New Castle	J. F. Baker	Hiddenite	3rd			2	4		2	7			50	71	121
Little Riger	G. Z. Bumgarner.	Taylorsville, R 5	J. W. Deal	Taylorsville	4th			1		1		1	1	1	41	59	100
Macedonia	W. J. Bumgarner	Taylorsville, R 5	J. E. Chatham	Taylorsville, R 1	2nd	600	400		7	2		2		2	74	135	209
Mt. Olive	G. Z. Bumgarner.	Taylorsville, R 5	J. J. Lowe	Poor's Knob	2nd	700	500		31	1	2	1		2	70	99	169
Mt. Nebo	J. W. Watts	Liledoun	G. L. Steele	Stony Point	2nd	1000	400								34	44	78
Mt. Hermon	J. W. Watts	Liledoun	P. E. Johnson	Taylorsville, R 4	4th	400	300								26	46	72
Pilgrim	W. T. Comer.	New Castle	J. M. Query	Hiddenite, R 1	3rd				11	1	1	4		1	82	71	153
Pleasant Grove	J. N, Binkley	Harmony	R. E. Levan	Stony Point, R 2	4th	600	400		3	4		7			24	23	47
Pleasant Hill	W. J. Bumgarner	Taylorsville. R 5	J. W. Pharr	Taylorsville, R 3	4th				3	1		2			35	66	101
Poplar Springs	S. D. Barnes	Boomer	J. A. Pennell	Taylorsville, R 5	2nd						2	3	2		47	104	151
Sulphur Springs	D. W. Pool	Taylorsville	B. F. Patterson	Hiddenite	3rd			1	7	2		3		4	72	120	192
Stony Point	L. P. Gwaltney	Hiddenite, R 1	A. W. White	Stony Point	1st				5	6					32	40	72
Three Forks	W. J. Bumgarner	Taylorsville, R 5	Jno. B. Echerd	Taylorsville, R 4	3rd	1000	800		4	1		52	3	2	86	132	218
Taylorsville	L. P. Gwaltney	Hiddenite R F D	J. L. Gwaltney.	Taylorsville	2nd					2		8	1	3	35	66	101
Taylor Springs	R. N. Garner	Spurgeon	H. T. Williams	New Hope	3rd				2				1		42	73	115
						$ 6600		11	165	47	20	130	11	29	1292	1920	3458

TABLE III—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCHES	Superintendent	POST OFFICE	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Total Enrollment	Number of Schools	Quarterlies Taken	Months Kept Open	Average Attendance	Number of Baptisms	Contributions for Missions Orphanage, Etc.	School Expenses	Total Contributions
Antioch	R. L. Downs	Taylorsville, N. C.	6	58	64	1	58	12	39	3		$ 1 50	$ 1 50
Bethel	J. E. Gilreath	Hiddenite, N. C.	5	70	75	1	8	20	50	20	$16 63	5 56	22 19
Damascus	N. G. Sloan	Statesville, N. C.	5			1			41				
Lebanon	E. V. Bumgarner	Taylorsville, N. C.	4	75	79	1	6		40	3			
Liledoun	J. W. Stafford	Liledoun, N. C.	5	108	113	1	40	12					
Linney's Grove	C. J. Gwaltney	Hiddenite, N. C.	5	25	30	1			25				
Macedonia	J. G. Blankenship	Hiddenite, N. C.	8	90	98	1	100	6	40	7			
Mt. Nebo	J. T. Christopher	Stony Point, N. C.	7	50	57	1		6	29				
Mt. Hermon	J. O. Brookshire	Taylorsville, N. C.	5	95	100	1							
Pilgrim	R. Carson	Hiddenite, N. C.				1							
Pleasant Grove	R. E. Levan	Stony Point, N. C.	7	60	67	1	20	3	40	2			
Sulphur Springs	B. F. Patterson	Hiddenite, N. C.				1		12	52				
Stony Point	A. L. Watts	Stony Point, N. C.	7	75	82	1			44		9 00	57 00	66 00
Taylorsville	A. C. Payne	Taylorsville, N. C.	7	98	105	1	70	12	50		3 00	15 00	18 00
Taylor Springs	A. H. Shaver	New Hope, N. C.	7	70	77	1							
Total			78	874	947	16	288	77	450	35	$28 63	$79 06	$159 69

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PROCEEDINGS.

Taylorsville, N. C.,
Thursday, Oct. 9th, 1913.

The twenty-seventh annual session of the Alexander County Baptist Association convened with Taylorsville Baptist Church today. The introductory sermon was preached by Bro. Loyd Teague. Text: Matthew 17:1, 5.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Moderator being being absent the Association was called to order by the Clerk.

Prayer by Elder J. P Gwaltney.

Letters from the various churches were called for and Brethren J. E. Chatham and S. C. Johnson were requested to read them.

The following Messengers were enrolled:

Antioch—R. L. Downs, C. D. Shaver.
Concord—Wm. Pierce.
Dover—G. B. Pennell.
Lebanon—J. Wiley Chapman, Jones Robinette, J. C. Fortner.
Liledoun—W. A. Fox, J. W. Stafford, A. E. Watts.
Linney's Grove—J. P. Gwaltney, W. E. Linney, I. N. Smith.
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Pilgrim—R. Carson, J. W. Mayberry, J. M. Query.
Pleasant Grove—J. I. W. Levan, J. B. Levan, J. J. Levan.
Pleasant Hill—J. W. Pharr, J. Z. Harrington, J. Marion Childers.
Poplar Springs—J. F. Walker, R. L. Medlock, H. C. Johnson.
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Three Forks—B. M. Harrington, Jno. B. Echerd, W. V. Watts.
Taylorsville—J. G. Harrington, G. C. Teague, Thomas Watts.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

On motion of Elder L. P. Gwaltney, the following officers were elected by acclamation:

J. W. WATTS, Moderator.
R. L. DOWNS, Clerk.
A. L. WATTS, Treasurer.
W. S. McLEOD, Historian.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees, to wit:

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Messengers of Taylorsville Church.
Nominations—G. Z. Bumgarner, Willie Wilson, Howard Fox.
Finance—B. F. Patterson, Wm. Pierce, J. W. Mayberry.
Digest of Church Letters—John Pharr, Lee Steele, Wiley Chapman.

Vacancies on standing committees were filled as follows:

Missions—D. W. Pool.
Duties to the Poor—J. P. Gwaltney.

By special order Bro. M. L. Kesler was accorded the privilege of addressing the Association at 7:30 P. M. in behalf of the Thomasville Orphanage.

New churches being called for Bro. C. F. Friday presented a letter from White Plains Baptist Church and asked that said church be allowed to join the Association.

The church was gladly received and the following Messengers enrolled—C. F. Friday, W. C. Kerley, Jay Robinette.

Visiting brethren were then called for and Elder M. L. Kesler of Thomasville, N. C., and Elder W. R. Beach of Cary, N. C., Raleigh Association, and were gladly welcomed to seats by Moderator.

The reading of Constitution and By-Laws was dispensed with.

The following order of business was adopted:

Prayer meeting at 9:30 a. m.
Business session at 10 a. m.
Sermon at 11 a. m.
Intermission.
Resume business at 1 p. m.
Adjourn at will.

The Committee on devotional exercises reported as follows:

Prayer meeting tomorrow morning conducted by Elder E. V. Bumgarner, sermon by Elder W. R. Beach.

Adjourned with prayer by Elder W. R. Beach.

In accordance with special order Bro. M. L. Kesler, Superintendent of the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage, addressed the Association at 7:30 p. m. A collection was then taken for the Orphanage amounting to $11.35.

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FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association met as per adjournment.

Prayer meeting conducted by Elder E. V. Bumgarner.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

On a call for delinquent churches Bethel's letter was brought forward and read and the following Messengers enrolled—J. C. Bentley, J. W. Barnett, Robert Childers.

New churches being called for Bro. J. W. Griffin presented a letter from West Hickory Baptist Church asking the privilege of joining the Association.

The church was received and the following Messengers were enrolled—J. W. Griffin, F. S. Miller,

Elder W. R. Beach then addressed the Association in the interest of the Biblical Recorder. Elders W. J. Bumgarner and J. W. Griffin spoke in the interest of the Missionary Helper.

The reports of standing committees were called for and Elder W. J. Bumgarner submitted the report on Fundamental Doctrines. The report was then discussed by Elder W. J. Bumgarner.

The hour having arrived for the sermon, further discussion on the subject was deferred until the afternoon. The choir then sang "Wondrous Love" and Elder W. R.

Beach preached. Text: John 20:21.
Intermission.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Elder R. L. Davis.

The subject of Fundamental Doctrines was again taken up and adopted without further discussion.

REPORT ON FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES.

Fundamental doctrines are those foundation principles underlying the entire christian structure. These are to christianity what the frame work is to the building, or blood is to life. We would mention first, the inspiration of the Bible, the Divinity of Christ and the atonement made by Jesus Christ, as the Divine side. The human side in their order—first repentance, then faith, and regeneration by the Holy Spirit. It is only a christianity founded upon these principles that will stand the test of the Great day (Mat. 7:24-27 and Ps. 11:3.) In our day we must anchor to the time honored doctrines of the future state; both as to the righteous and the wicked—a literal heaven for the righteous and an everlasting punishment for the wicked

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. BUMGARNER
For Com.

Letters from Taylorsville and Damascus Churches were presented and read and Messengers enrolled as follows:

Taylorsville—J. G. Harrington, G. C. Teague, Thomas Watts.
Damascus—C. L. Millsaps, S. C. Johnson.

The report on Temperance was read by Bro. R. L. Downs and after being spoken to by Brethren R. L. Downs and John B. Echerd and Elder W. R. Beach was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

No greater evil, no greater curse has ever existed among us than alcoholic intemperance.

It is the enemy of religion, of morality and of all that is truly good and noble in this life.

For years we have struggled against this blighting sin, we trust, with some degree of success, at least.

North Carolina is today a prohibition state made so by a majority of nearly forty-five thousand votes, and while there have been violations of this law just as there are violations of other laws still as a whole we feel that we have been greatly benefitted by prohibition.

In conclusion, we would urge that it is the duty of our people to use their influence in every legitimate way to the enforcement of this law.

Respectfuliy submitted,

R. L. DOWNS
JNO. B. ECHERD } Com.

Elder L. P. Gwaltney submitted the report on Spiritual State of the Churches and after being discussed by Elders L. P. Gwaltney and J. M. Shaver was adopted.

REPORT ON SPIRITUALITY OF THE CHURCHES.

We rejoice together in the great blessing in the salvation of souls during the past year yet with our blessed Zion from Maine to California we deplore our want of spiritual power.

As to causes of this sad decline your committee beg leave to raise a few questions. Are we anchored to the vital doctrine that to be spiritual we must be spirit born, spirit guided and spirit panoplied for our work?

Are we self emptied and willing to give Him all the glory in our salvation and our work?

Are we not rather leaning to material things—incidental aids as fundamental in our work? Instance, education the best of our secular interests.

Are we about to incorporate this as a vital factor in organic spiritual life?

Why this catechumen age?

Why this trend toward educational standards in the ministry if this be not true?

Was this Paul's teaching (1st Cor. 1:20) or the Savior's example? Even the blessing of giving to the poor the gospel at home and abroad must be guarded lest it become a Fundamental in room of the "I AM" that accompanied Moses to Egypt and promised by our Lord on Olivet to his preachers to the end. Compare clamor for salary today with Paul's farewell address in Acts 20-34. We should take our bearing here.

Then add, our useful forms must be guarded, they must be servants not masters lest conventionalities freeze out our spiritual life.

Why no tears, no shout of praise now?

And finally, the church to remain spiritual must keep the moon the world, its maxims and policies under her feet (Rev. 12:1.)

If there is anything incontestable in history it is that when she has stooped to material things as fundamental, instead of controlling them

they have controlled her.

Respectfully submitted,

L. P. GWALTNEY } For Com.

The church letter from Bethlehem was read and the following Messengers enrolled—V. W. Teague, Howard Fox, James Hefner.

On a call for visiting brethren Elder Livingstone Johnson of Raleigh, N. C., Corresponding secretary of the Baptist State Convention, came forward and was given the glad hand of welcome by the Moderator.

The Committee on devotional exercises reports:

Sermon tonight by Elder E. V. Bumgarner.
Prayer meeting tomorrow conducted by Elder J. M. Shaver.
Sermon by Elder Livingstone Johnson.

Adjourned with prayer by Elder Livingstone Johnson.

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SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Met as per adjournment.

Prayer service conducted by Elder J. M. Shaver.

Minutes of previous day read and approved.

Elder E. V. Bumgarner read the report on Duties to the Poor, which after being discussed by Elders E. V. Bumgarner, J. P. Gwaltney, W. J. Bumgarner and Brethren C. L. Millsaps and J. G. Harrington was adopted.

REPORT ON DUTIES TO POOR.

It is our duty to reflect that we are bound by sacred and intelligible bonds to every suffering sinning man and woman; to learn the secret of human sympathy, to grow sensitive to the feelings of the poor, to grow considerate to the claims of the weak.

Divine Providence has so ordered it that the poor shall not cease out of the land. (Deut. 15:10) The poor ye have always with you, and when ye will ye may do them good. (The Master)

Our duties to them are two fold.

1st, We are to deal with them with an open hand. (Deut. 15:11. 1st Cor. 16:2.)

2nd, One characteristic of the Messiahship was, the poor have the

gospel preached to them. (Mat. 11:5.) It should be our earnest endeavor to diffuse the gospel light where poverty casts its gloom.

Your committee names the Thomasville Orphanage as a concrete example of this Christian grace, and we recommend that the churches rally to the support of that institution.

Respectfully submitted,

E. V. BUMGARNER
J. P. GWALTNEY } Com.
J. G. HARRINGTON

Elder J. M. Shaver submitted the report on Missions.

Said report was then discussed by Elders J. M. Shaver and D. W. Pool.

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived Elder Livingston Johnson, who had been appointed to preach chose, instead of preaching to speak on the subject then before the Association.

The choir sang, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains" and Bro. Johnson made a very strong and interesting speech on Missions.

At the conclusion of the speech Elder J. P. Gwaltney suggested a collection for State Missions. The collection amounted to $15.00 which was turned over to Bro. Johnson.

Intermission.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

The report on Missions was again taken up and after being further discussed by Elders D. W. Pool and W. J. Bumgarner was adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The duty of giving the gospel to all the world, is binding not only on the church but also on the individual christian.

The command to go is given in Mat. 28:19-20, with the assurance of all needed help, and in Luke 24:47 and Acts 1:7 we have directions as to the message and where to begin and the power to accomplish the work required.

To fully obey this command we must lay upon the altar not only ourselves and our children but also our possessions.

To neglect or refuse to carry out this command is attended with peril

not only to the happiness and usefulness of those sent but to the salvation of those to whom we are sent as in the case of Jonah.

We would urge in the language of scripture that we lift up our eyes upon the destitution around us and pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into his harvest, and especially the Catawba River section mentioned in the report last year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SHAVER
D. W. POOL } Com.

The church letter from Bethany was read and the following Messengers enrolled—E. E. Pool, C. L. Costner, E. C. Moore.

Elder G. Z. Bumgarner read the report on Church and Pastoral Relations which after being discussed by Dr. Livingsto Johnson was adopted.

REPORT ON CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATIONS.

What we mean by church and pastor relationship is the co-operation of Church and Pastor for the salvation of the lost.

If the pastor could always consider where he is held (Rev. 1:16) and the church consider who is in her midst (Rev. 1:13. Ephs. 4:6) we would be more successful in this great work.

Your committee would urge that both church and pastor look well to the work assigned them by the Almighty and not so much to that which is of human origin.

G. Z. BUMGARNER
J. L. TEAGUE } Com.

The report on Sunday Schools was submitted by Bro. W. E. White and after being spoken to by Brethren W. E. White and S. C. Johnson was adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

The report of the Committee of last year cited Bible authority for church work in Sunday School. The reports of the churches will show the comparative status in work of the Sunday Schools for the year closing.

The seed is the Word. The Sunday School is christian's opportunity for sowing the seeds for the eternal harvest.

If no seed is sown no harvest will be reaped.

W. E. WHITE
A. C. PAYNE
S. C. JOHNSON } Com.

The church letter from Little River was handed to the Clerk and the following Messengers enrolled—W. T. Webster, Robt. Deal, N. J. Walker.

The report on Nominations was read by Elder G. Z. Bumgarner and adopted without discussion.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES—J. P. Gwaltney. N. G. Sloan, R. L. Davis.

TEMPERANCE—R. L. Davis, Tilden Williams, Frank Austin.

CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATIONS—J. L. Teague, A. F. Sharpe, Lee Milsaps.

SPIRITUALITY OF THE CHURCHES—W. J. Bumgarner, J. M. Shaver, Loyd Teague.

MISSIONS—L. P. Gwaltney, G. Z. Bumgarner, W. E. White.

DUTIES TO THE POOR—G. Z. Bumgarner, W. E. Linney, C. L. Millsaps.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—A. C. Payne, W. E. White, Loyd Teague.

MESSENGERS TO ASSOCIATIONS.

BRIER CREEK—J. P. Gwaltney, L. P. Gwaltney.
CALDWELL—J. M. Shaver, W. S. McLeod.
SOUTH YADKIN—Sylvester Grose, J. L. Teague.
STATE CONVENTION—R. L. Davis.
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION—J. A. White.

Time of next meeting—Thursday before the Second Sunday in October, 1914.

Place—Stony Point.

To preach introductory sermon—W. E. Linney. Alternate R. C. Cline.

G. Z. BUMGARNER
D. W. POOL
E. V. BUMGARNER
} Com.

Bro. J. W. Pharr submitted the report on Digest of Church letters. Bro. W. E. White moved to amend the report by substituting the words "fellowship withdrawn" for "excluded." The amendment was adopted and report adopted as amended.

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

Twenty-three Churches of this Association report a total membership of 3,483, with 174 Baptisms. Received by letter 59. Restored 20. Died 31. Dismissed by letter 88. Fellowship withdrawn 30.

Two churches not reported.

Contributions: Foreign Missions $276.46; State Missions $81.00; Orphanage, Church and Sunday School $233.75; Other objects $600.05; Building and repairs and Church property $2181.29; Incidentals $75.57; To the Poor $28.32; Minute Fund $20.17; Seventeen churches report a combined Pastor's salary of $1198.90; Ministerial relief $25.05; Rev. J. B. Reid's widow $7.50; Home Missions $10.00; Sixteen Sunday Schools report a total membership of 1205.

J. WILEY CHAPMAN } Com.
J. W. PHARR }

The Treasurer and Committee on Finance not being ready to report it was ordered that their reports be made to and passed upon by the Executive Board of the Association.

Correspondents being asked to report Bro. J. L. Teague stated that he and Bro. Sylvester Grose attended the South Yadkin Associations.

The Messengers appointed to other meetings and Associations failed to attend.

On motion of Bro. W. E. White the Clerk was ordered to have 500 of Minutes printed and distributed. Also to have a second volume of Minutes bound if funds were sufficient.

By a unanimous vote the thanks of the Association was tendered to the people of Taylorsville and surrounding community for the very kind and hospitable manner in which the Messengers and visiting brethren had been entertained.

On motion of Elder L. P. Gwaltney a collection was taken for the benefit of a destitute widow living in the community. The amount obtained was $12.92.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported as follows:

Sermon tonight by Bro. J. L. Teague at 7:30 o'clock.

Sunday School speech tomorrow at 9:30 a. m.

Sermon at Baptist Church tomorrow by Elder J. P. Gwaltney at 11 a. m.

Sermon at the A. R. P. Church tomorrow by Elder D. W. Pool at 11 a. m.

On request of Elder J. P. Gwaltney, while the congregation sang "God be with you till we meet again," the brethren engaged in a christian "hand shake" and the Association adjourned with prayer by Elder Livingston Johnson.

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SUNDAY.

After song service and prayer, interesting and instructive talks were made by Bro. J. L. Teague and Elder W. J. Bumgarner.

At 11 o'clock the choir sang, "Come Thou Almighty King," and Elder J. P. Gwaltney preached a strong and very impressive sermon. Text John 14:6.

Collection for Foreign Missions $10.44.

Closed with benediction by Elder W. J. Bumgarner.

J. W. WATTS, Moderator.

R. L. DOWNS, Clerk.

The church letter from Taylor Springs was received by the Clerk after the Association had adjourned.—CLERK.

NOTE.—The name of Elder J. W. Griffin, Hickory, N. C. should have appeared in list of Ordained Ministers.—PRINTER.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Received from various churches as follows:

CHURCHES.	Foreign Missions	State Missions	Orphanage.	Minute Fund
Antioch	$	$	$	$ 90
Bethel	2 17			1 30
Bethany	9 49			1 10
Bethlehem	8 08			1 25
Concord	3 80			45
Dover	1 19			75
Damascus	18 10			1 62
Island Ford				
Lebanon	22 60			1 00
Lilenoun	15 50			1 00
Linney's Grove	13 00			1 02
Little River	5 70			70
Macedonia	3 63			1 00
Mt. Olive	1 72			1 00
Mt. Nebo	2 65			50
Mt. Herman				80
Pilgrim	3 50			65
Pleasant Grove	2 62			50
Pleasant Hill				75
Poplar Springs				65
Sulphur Springs				1 00
Stony Point				1 50
Three Forks				1 00
Taylorsville	10 00	10 00	4 40	1 50
White Plains				1 00
West Hickory				50
Taylor Springs	5 00			50
C. S Holton	25 00			
Total	$153 75	$10 00	$4 40	$23 99

B. F. PATTERSON
W. C. PIERCE
} Committee.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Received Stony Point church S. M.	$ 5 57	
By Check Treas. State Mission Board		$ 6 94

Received Sulphur Springs F. M.	$ 6 94	
" Sulphur Springs " "	3 55	
" Three Forks " "	2 20	
" Antioch " "	2 50	
" Lebanon " "	10 08	
" Macedonia " "	4 41	
" Sulphur Springs " "	4 50	
" Sulphur Springs " "	3 10	
" Bethel " "	10 81	
Total	$46 72	
March 24 By check to T. L. Blalock		$ 45 32
Received Damascus F. M.	$ 12 05	
" Antioch " "	2 55	
" Sulphur Springs " "	6 36	
" Three Forks " "	3 50	
" Lebanon " "	12 92	
" Pleasant Hill " "	1 70	
" Mt. Olive " "	2 45	
" Little River " "	7 75	
" Bethlehem " "	3 75	
" Stony Point " "	15 00	
" Poplar Springs " "	4 06	
" N. A. Laxton " "	2 00	
Sept. 9 By check to Rev. T. L. Blalock		$ 75 49
Total	$120 81	$120 81

Received from Finance Committee for State Missions	$ 10 00
For Foreign Missions	153 75
For Orphanage	4 40
Sunday collection for F. M.	10 14
Received from Boomer church Wilkes Co. for Rev. H. A. Rashton	5 12
Oct 12, 1913 Balance on hands	$183 41

A. L. WATTS, Treasurer.

TABLE I---FINANCIAL.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Minute Funds	Other Objects	TOTAL
Antioch	$ 30 00	$120 00	$ 12 00	$ 3 20	$.....	$.....	.....	$ 2 45	$.....	$ 2 50	$ 90	$18 00	$ 180 05
Bethel	55 00	1 63	14 15	.....	9 15	.....	.....	12 98	.....	.....	1 20	.....	92 91
Bethany	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 49	.....	.....	1 10	.....	10 59
Bethlehem	75 00	25 00	.....	.....	7 52	.....	.....	11 83	.....	.....	1 25	.....	120 60
Concord	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 80	.....	.....	45	.....	54 25
Dover	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 14	.....	.....	75	.....	1 98
Damascus	80 00	.....	9 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	30 15	.....	20 89	1 62	27 10	173 72
Island Ford	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lebanon	50 00	50 00	16 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	45 60	.....	2 75	1 00	.....	167 35
Liledoun	94 00	.....	.....	13 20	.....	.....	.....	15 50	.....	.....	1 00	.....	123 70
Linney's Grove	50 00	106 31	.....	.....	3 47	.....	.....	13 00	.....	.....	1 02	.....	173 80
Little River	.....	.....	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 75	.....	.....	70	.....	26 45
Macedonia	.....	.....	16 62	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 10	.....	.....	1 00	.....	27 72
Mt. Olive	41 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 72	.....	.....	1 00	.....	43 72
Mt. Herman	50 00	400 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 27	80	14 00	471 07
Mt. Nebo	35 00	7 50	.....	2 50	6 00	.....	.....	2 65	.....	7 00	50	.....	61 15
Pilgrim	35 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 50	.....	.....	65	.....	44 15
Pleasant Grove	40 00	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	2 62	.....	.....	50	.....	46 12
Pleasant Hill	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 70	.....	.....	75	.....	7 45
Poplar Springs	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 95	.....	.....	65	.....	3 55
Sulphur Springs	120 00	35 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	23 08	.....	31 87	1 00	.....	220 95
Stony Point	157 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 00	.....	15 00	31 08	19 86	1 50	9 00	242 44
Three Forks	50 00	.....	15 65	5 00	7 70	.....	.....	5 70	.....	.....	80	.....	84 85
Taylorsville	80 00	8 75	6 75	33 74	.....	62 00	10 00	10 00	.....	18 00	1 50	10 00	240 74
Taylor Springs	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	50	.....	5 50
White Plains	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	11 05	17 05
West Hickory	30 95	.....	7 40	7 95	.....	.....	.....	7 25	.....	.....	50	10 40	64 65
Total	$1122 95	$759 19	$114 57	$81 59	$35 84	$81 00	$10 00	$250 96	$31 08	$106 14	$23 64	$99 55	$2805 97

TABLE II---STATISTICAL.

CHURCHES.	PASTOR	POST OFFICE All in N. C.	CLERK	POST OFFICE All in N. C.	Time of Preaching	Value of Church Property	Seating Capacity	Ordained Ministers	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Number of Males	Number of Females	Total Membership
Antioch	J. M. Shaver	Lenoir	W O Bowman	Taylorsville	4th	$1200	300	2	10	2	1	5	...	2	160	205	365
Bethel	J. W. Watts	Liledoun	L E Barnes	Gilreath	3rd	...	...	2	4	2	1	4	...	2	106	149	255
Bethany	J. W. Watts	Liledoun	E E Pool	Gilreath	3rd	300	300	...	19	6	...	1	...	1	83	87	170
Bethlehem	W. J. Bumgarner	Taylorsville	Wm W Teague	Bentley	1st	500	500	...	7	2	4	18	...	2	68	120	188
Concord	J. N. Binkley	Harmony	Wm Pierce	Stony Point	4th	...	...	...	12	2	1	...	...	...	46	75	121
Damascus	J. P. Gwaltney	Hiddenite	C L Millsaps	Taylorsville	4th	500	...	1	10	3	1	1	...	...	46	61	107
Lebanon	G. Z. Bumgarner	Taylorsville	T L Bumgarner	Statesville	1st	...	...	...	11	1	3	15	4	4	...	...	238
Liledoun	L. P. Gwaltney	Hiddenite	A E Watts	Liledoun	4th	400	300	2	16	...	...	...	...	...	47	99	146
Linney's Grove	W. T. Comer	New Castle	J F Baker	Hiddenite	4th	...	...	1	6	7	...	2	2	1	55	76	131
Little River	G. Z. Bumgarner	Taylorsville	J W Deal	Taylorsville	3rd	...	...	2	...	4	...	2	...	1	50	72	122
Macedonia	D. W. Pool	Taylorsville	J E Chatham	Taylorsville	1st	...	...	1	15	2	...	...	...	1	44	72	116
Mt. Olive	E. V. Bumgarner	Taylorsville	J J Lowe	Poors Knob	3rd	600	400	...	4	2	...	7	1	5	71	131	202
Mt. Herman	J. W. Watts	Liledoun	P E Johnson	Taylorsville	3rd	800	500	...	...	1	1	3	3	1	66	97	163
Mt. Nebo	J. W. Watts	Liledoun	G L Steele	Stony Point	4th	800	300	...	5	3	...	...	...	...	27	53	80
Pilgrim	W. T. Comer	New Castle	J M Query	Hiddenite	2nd	1000	375	...	15	...	1	...	1	...	43	55	98
Pleasant Grove	J. P. Gwaltney	Hiddenite	R E Levan	Stony Point	3rd	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	81	72	153
Pleasant Hill	J. P. Gwaltney	Hiddenite	J W Pharr	Taylorsville	4th	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	1	22	22	44
Poplar Springs	E. V. Bumgarner	Taylorsville	J A Pennell	Taylorsville	3rd	500	...	...	9	1	...	15	...	1	30	67	97
Sulphur Springs	L. P. Gwaltney	Hiddenite	B F Patterson	Hiddenite	2nd	...	...	...	11	...	1	2	...	1	54	102	156
Stony Point	L. P. Gwaltney	Hiddenite	A W White	Stony Point	3rd	...	...	1	1	...	...	12	...	1	68	112	180
Three Forks	W. J. Bumgarner	Taylorsville	Jno B Echerd	Taylorsville	1st	...	500	...	11	3	...	1	...	...	38	47	85
Taylorsville	L. P. Gwaltney	Hiddenite	J L Gwaltney	Taylorsville	3rd	800	800	...	2	...	...	6	4	2	84	116	200
Taylor Springs	R. N. Garner	Hunting Creek	H T Williams	New Hope	2nd	1000	250	...	...	...	...	4	...	4	32	64	96
White Plains	J. W. Watts	Liledoun	C F Friday	Taylorsville	3rd	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	35	64	99
West Hickory	E. V. Bumgarner	Taylorsville	F S Miller	Hickory	2nd	500	450	...	29	2	...	1	...	1	27	38	65
					4th	100		1		0	3						

TABLE III---SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES	Superintendent	POST OFFICE	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Total Enrollment	Number of Schools	Quarterlies Taken	Months Kept Open	Average Attendance	Number of Baptisms	Contributions for Missions Orphanage, Etc.	School Expenses	Total Contributions
Antioch	R C Cline	Taylorsville, N C	6	40	46	1		9	30		$	$ 3 20	$ 3 20
Bethel	J E Gilreath	Hiddenite, N C	5	65	70	1		12	40				
Bethany	E E Pool	Gilreath, N C	6	87	93	1			40				
Concord	William Pierce	Stony Point, N C	6		6	1		3	45				
Dover	A M Pennell	Taylorsville, N C	5	66	71	1		3	30	1			
Damascus	N G Sloan	Statesville, N C	7		7	1	60	10	88	2	12 26	5 00	17 26
Liledoun	J W Stafford	Liledoun, N C	6	40	46	1		12	30			13 20	13 20
Linney's Grove	W E Linney	Hiddenite, N C	6	30	36	1			25				
Macedonia	J G Chatham	Taylorsville, N C	6	40	46	1		6	30	2			
Mt. Nebo	T P Lackey	Stony Point, N C	8	101	109	1		9	48	7	7 00	2 50	9 50
Mt. Herman	J O Brookshire	Taylorsville, N C	5	62	67	1		10	40			3 00	3 00
Pilgrim	R Carson	Hiddenite, N C				1		9	30				
Pleasant Grove	R E Levan	Stony Point, N C	5	40	45	1		2				3 00	
Pleasant Hill	J W Pharr	Taylorsville, N C				1							
Sulphur Springs	B F Patterson	Hiddenite, N C		80	80	1		12	53				42 80
Stony Point	A L Watts	Stony Point, N C	6	76	82	1		12	46				
Three Forks	Lon Carlton	Taylorsville, N C	8	100	108	2			65			5 00	5 00
Taylorsville	A C Payne	Taylorsville, N C	7	147	154	1		12	60		28 00	33 74	61 74
Taylor Spring	T H Williams	New Hope, N C				1			60				
White Plains	J G Blankenship	Hiddenite, N C			124	1			65			5 00	5 00
West Hickory	F S Miller	Hickory, N C	5	40	45	1		12	20			7 95	7 95
Total			97	1014	1235	22	60		845	12	$47 26	$81 59	$168 65

HISTORICAL WORK.

By W. S. McLeod.

The present session has been a remarkably pleasant and profitable one. The attendance from the different churches has not been what could be desired; but the speeches delivered on the different subjects have been of a remarkably high order, delivered with an evident desire to "honor the spirit," while the courtesy and hospitality of church and citizens of the town have been unbounded.

TAYLORSVILLE CHURCH.

Taylorsville Church was organized on the 6th day of October, 1851, by a presbytery consisting of R. Gentry and R. L. Steele, with the following members who had been excommunicated from other churches because of their advocacy of the cause of Missions and Temperance, to wit: Smith Ferguson, John W. Jones, J. J. Watts, Isaac Oxford, R. L. Steele, Sion Harrington, Sen., Benjamin Watts, Isaac R Sherrill, Noah Moose, Sion Harrington, Jr., Wm. B Jones, John Watts, Larkin H Jones, Enoch C Harrington, David W Moose, James F Steele, E R Harrington, Calvin Jones, Magness Watts, James H West, A C Watts, H F Echerd, D A Meadows, Sisters Mary Steele, Nancy M Watts, Harriet E McRee, S A Jones, Elizabeth Jones, Lucretia Jones, M R Jones, Sarah Ferguson, Mary Hines, Nancy Ferguson, Sarah E Ferguson, Lavancy E James, Elizabeth Watts, Mary M James, Lydia Harrington, Margaret C Harrington, Martha Jones, Eleanor West, Sarah M Harrington, Sarah Watts, Elizabeth Meadows, Martha Watts, Sophia Moose, Anna E Echerd, Miriam Jones, Annie Steele, Martha Steele, B Watts,—Rosbury, and Elisha, Jacob, David, Rhoda, col.

Of the above numbers only two are living, Sisters Nancy M Watts and Anna E Echerd. Two died during the last year, Sisters Margaret C Harrington, Sophia Moose. Six were Ministers, to wit: Smith Ferguson, John W Jones, J J Watts, Isaac Oxford, R L Steele, Isaac R Sherrill. The first pastor was Elder Smith Ferguson; the first clerk Larkin H Jones. The moving spirit in the formation of this church seems to have been Rev John W Jones who died Nov. 12th, 1853. For seven years the church belonged to the Taylorsville Association, then to the United Baptist Association. In 1867 the United Baptist Association and the Lewis Fork Association united and formed the Brushy Mountain Association. The churches in Alexander County belonging to the Brushy Mountain and Brier Creek Associations united and formed the Alexander Associations. Taylorsville Church has seen its days of adversity. For a few years its pastor was supported in part by the State Mission Board. It is now in a comparatively prosperous condition.

OBITUARIES.

Mary Emma Brookshire, daughter of Bro. J. D. Brookshire and wife, Ella. Born September, 1895, and died April 27th, 1913. She was a member of Poplar Springs Church.

Alice Jane Watts, daughter of Bro. A. C. and Elizabeth Watts. Born May 26th, 1853, and died Sept. 5th, 1913, She found her Savior in early girlhood and joined Three Forks Church. Her Christian life was exemplary and all her relations in the home, community and church proved the sincerity of her professions.

Sister Margaret C. Harrington was born in Mecklenburg County, Oct. 16, 1824. Married to Enoch C. Harrington, Dec. 14th, 1842. Joined Little River Baptist Church 1848. In 1851 was one of the Presbytery to organize Taylorsville Baptist Church, of which church she was a consistent member till death called her, Aug. 3rd, 1913. In her death the church has felt the loss of one of its most faithful and useful members, the family a devoted mother and grandmother, ruling her home with love. Praise to God for such a life. Thy will be done.

Sister Sophia Kivett Moose was born in Randolph County, Nov. 22nd, 1823. Joined the Baptist church in early youth. Was married to David W. Moose, Feb. 3rd, 1848. Joined Taylorsville Baptist Church when organized and lived a consistent member of same till death. Died Sept. 20th, 1913. We feel the loss of a good sister; to the family a good mother is gone. We humbly submit to the will of God.

Bro. Ed. L. Stine was born Oct. 28th, 1874. Joined Three Forks Baptist Church August 1903 and lived a member of same till death. Was married to Callie Pool. Died Oct. 1st, 1913. We mourn the loss of our Brother and to the sisters and children we extend our deepest sympathy.

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PROCEEDINGS.

Stony Point, N. C.,
Thursday Oct. 8th, 1914.

The twenty-eighth annual session of the Alexander County Baptist Association met with Stony Point Baptist Church today.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. E. Linney. Text: John 12:32.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Elder J. P. Gwaltney.

Letters from the different churches were called for and Brethren A. C. Payne and E. V. Bumgarner were asked to read the same.

The following Messengers were enrolled:

Damascus—C. L. Millsaps, I. A. McLain, S. C. Johnson.
Pleasant Hill—J. W. Pharr, Peter Daniels.
Taylorsville—A. C. Payne, Romulus L. Moose, Fred Harrington.
West Hickory—J. W. Griffin.
Three Forks—W. V. Bebber, W. S. McLeod, Thomas A. Burgess.
Pleasant Grove—R. E. Levan, R. L. Levan.
Concord—Wm. Pierce, F. L. Gryder.
Mt. Nebo—W. P. Blankenship, W. H. E. Morrison, T. P. Lackey.
Bethany—J. W. Moore, T. C. Tevepaugh.
Sulphur Springs—W. M. Lackey, Fuller Blankenship, B. F. Patterson.
Lebanon—W. J. Bumgarner, Wiley Chapman.
Liledoun—Luther Austin, W. A. Fox, A. E. Watts.
Dover—G. B. Pennell, R. W. Dula.
Linney's Grove—M. C. Bowles, W. W. McLain, J. W. Linney.
Mt. Olive—R. B. Lowe, J. F. Clanton, D. C. Clanton.
Pilgrim—Gordon Mayberry, Lester Query.
Taylor Springs—T. H. Williams, R. D. Williams.

Macedonia—J. E. Chatham, J. M. Stikeleather, R. L. Grant.
Bethel—J. L. Smith, W. S. Hendren.
Little River—John Deal, G. Z. Bumgarner.
White Plains—C. F. Friday, J. A. Robinett, H. A. Childers.
Antioch—W. Keller, W. C. Montgomery.
Mt. Hermon—J. C. Johnson, A. L. Johnson, P. E. Johnson.

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PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

On motion of Elder D. W. Pool the following officers were elected by acclamation:

J. W. WATTS, Moderator.
R. L. DOWNS, Clerk.
A. L. WATTS, Treasurer.
W. S. McLEOD, Historian.

The Moderator then announced the following committees:

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Messengers of Stony Point Church.
Nominations—A. C. Payne, T. H. Williams, J. W. Chapman.
Finance—J. E. Chatham, W. A. Keller, E. W. Teague.
Digest of Church Letters—John Pharr, J. W. Linney, W. J. Moore.

The following vacancies on standing committees were then filled, to-wit:

Fundamental Doctrines—W. C. Meadows.
Temperance—W. T. Comer.

It was then ordered that Elder M. L. Kesler be accorded the privilege of addressing the Association at 7:30 P. M. in behalf of the Thomasville Orphanage.

Visiting brethren being called for the following responded:

Brother Osborne Brown, South Fork Association.
Elder W. C. Meadows, Brushy Mountain Association.
Elder M. L. Kesler, of the Baptist Orphanage, Thomasville, N. C.

They were all given the glad hand of welcome by the Moderator.

Elders R. N. Garner and W. T. Comer accepted seats, not as visitors but as members of the body, because of pas-

oral work within the Association.

The reading of Constitution and By-Laws was dispensed ith.

The following order of business and religious exercises as adopted:

Prayer meeting at 9:30 a. m.
Business session at 10 a. m.
Sermon at 11 a. m.
Intermission.
Resume business at 1 p. m.
Adjourn at will.
Preaching at 7:30 p. m.

The Committee on devotional exercises reported as llows:

Prayer service tomorrow morning conducted by Bro. Grover Teague.
Sermon by Elder W. T. Comer.

Adjourned with benediction by Elder E. V. Bumgarner.

In accordance with special order the Association met at 30 p. m. and Elder M. L. Kesler, Superintendent of the omasville Orphanage, spoke in the interest of that work. collection was then taken for the Orphanage amounting $13.35.

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FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association met as per adjournment.

Prayer service conducted by Brother Grover Teague.

Minutes of yesterday read and corrected.

Letters from Stony Point and Poplar Springs were pre-nted and read and the following Messengers enrolled:

Stony Point—A. W. White, S. N. Honeycutt, J. B. Foy.
Poplar Springs—J. F. Walker, J. A. Walker, G. W. White.

Visiting brethren were called for and Elder J. G. Horne the Brier Creek Association came forward and was wel-med to a seat by the Moderator.

Reports of standing committees being called for Elder

J. P. Gwaltney read the report on Fundamental Doctrines.

The report was discussed by Elders J. P. Gwaltney and W. C. Meadows.

The hour for preaching having arrived the choir sang "Coming Again" and Elder W. T. Comer preached. Text Daniel 2:4.

Intermission.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Elder R. Lee Davis.

The report on Fundamental Doctrines was again taken up and after being further discussed by Elder R. Lee Davis and Brother W. E. White was adopted.

REPORT ON FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES.

Among all the subjects to be discussed before this Association there is none of more vital importance than the fundamental doctrines of the Bible, for they underlie the salvation of the human family.

Some of these doctrines are: The inspiration of the Scriptures as a whole; The Deity of Christ; Conviction for sin; Repentance and regeneration.

Let the pastors and the churches see to it that these are safeguarded against the influx of error and false teachers who are flooding our country with pernitious literature.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. GWALTNEY)
W. C. MEADOWS) Com.
R. LEE DAVIS)

The report on Temperance was submitted by Brother T. H. Williams, and after being spoken to by Brethren T. H. Williams and A. F. Sharpe and Elders R Lee Davis, J. P. Gwaltney and W. T. Comer was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is the moderate use of things lawful and useful, and the total abstinence from things unlawful and harmful.

Intemperance to the contrary the abuse of, and making the things intended by God to be blessings a curse. No greater evil exists than intemperance; it is the enemy of all that is truly good and noble in this

life and also the life to come.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. WILLIAMS
R. L. DAVIS } Com.
W. T. COMER

The report on Church and Pastoral Relations was read by Elder J. L. Teague and discussed by the following Brethren, to-wit: J. L. Teague, A. F. Sharpe, C. L. Millsaps, J. P. Gwaltney, T. H. Williams, D. W. Pool and C. F. Friday. Report adopted.

REPORT ON CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATIONS.

The relation between church and pastor is a peculiarly tender one. It is not a relation formed through association and the ties of friendship, but one ordained of heaven.

The pastor is described as the shepherd of the flock. Our Savior said to Peter, "Feed my sheep." Again, he is represented as a father, who has all the tender solicitude of a loving parent for the welfare of his congregation. He is also represented as an angel of light and one of the seven stars held in the hand of "Him who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks." (Rev. 2:1.)

How guarded then ought a man to be whom the Lord has called to the pastorate of a church. We are glad to say that we believe the pastors of this Association are to be highly commended for their zeal to serve the Master, and like Paul, glory in the fact that they have not made themselves chargeable unto any.

On the other hand not all the responsibility is laid on the pastor. The church is represented as a golden candlestick and its light must needs shine to all about it. While the shepherd labors for the advantage of his flock he expects to reap a benefit from the increase. Again, it is written "Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn." The duty of the church to the pastor is very clearly set forth in the 9th chapter of 1st Cor. The apostle there says "If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?" Again in Gal. 6:6 he says "Let him that is taught in the word communicate to (share with) him that teacheth in all good things." He also says, "Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel."

But some one says that Paul gloried in the fact that he made the gospel without charge. Paul also said "If others be partakers of these powers over you, are not we rather? Nevertheless, we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ." Paul was introducing the gospel among a heathen people. Do we not likewise when we send a man among heathen people for the first

time? Paul gloried in this fact because he had made a sacrifice of his own certain right. But if we allow our pastors to make all this sacrifice, wherein shall be our glory?

We, your committee, do not think from the report of churches on pastor's salary that the churches of Alexander Association are measuring up to their duty along this line. We recommend that a greater effort be made to get every member to contribute something regularly to the support of pastor; for we realize that a neglect to do so, when the Lord has so abundantly blessed us in material things, means spiritual inactivity and loss of power.

We realize that this a delicate matter to present and one which our pastors do not feel is their task; but we believe that it is the duty of our deacons to look more carefully after the material interests of our pastors for the sake both of pastor and of church.

J. L. TEAGUE
A. F. SHARPE } Com.
C. L. MILLSAPS

The report on Missions was submitted by Brother W. E. White. The discussion of the report was deferred until tomorrow.

The Committee on devotional exercises reports:

Preaching tonight by Elder E. V. Bumgarner.

Adjourned with prayer by Elder J. G. Horne.

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NIGHT SERVICE.

At 7:30 p. m. the Association met for worship.
Elder E. V. Bumgarner preached. Text, Rev. 12:1-2.
The Committee on religious exercises then announced:

Prayer meeting tomorrow morning conducted by Bro. T. H. Williams.
Sermon by Elder G. Z. Bumgarner.

The meeting closed with benediction by Elder W. J. Bumgarner.

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SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Met as per adjournment.
Prayer meeting conducted by Brother T. H. Williams.
Minutes of previous day read and approved.

The Association then took up the report on Missions which, after being discussed by Elder L. P. Gwaltney, was adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

"As they ministered unto the Lord and fasted, the Holy Ghost said. Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them."

"And when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them they sent them away."

This simple yet sublime record tells clearly and concisely of the first recorded work of a Christian church and the manner of its execution in fulfilling the great commission, and it stands for all time as a perfect model for any and all churches for gospel missionary service in the Master's vineyard until his will is done and the great work is complete and earth's teeming harvests are safely housed in the garners of heaven.

"And thence sailed to Antioch from whence they had been recommended to the grace of God for the work which they fulfilled.

"And when they were come and had gathered the church together they rehearsed all that God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles."

No words of ours can make the manner of proceeding any plainer.

Will some church represented in this body lay hands on some brother and send the good tidings along the Catawba river? Will some other church co-operate? Will all the churches co-operate in sustaining the brother sent by the church at to proclaim the gospel in China?

Will you share in the joys of the harvest home when the gems of priceless value and countless cost are laid at the Master's feet?

The Master's will will be accomplished. The question before us right now is whether we will share in the great reward given to faithful servants.

L. P. GWALTNEY }
W. E. WHITE } Com.

Elder J. L. Teague then offered the following preamble and resolutions which were unanimously adopted. The Association then bowed in prayer, Elder D. W. Pool leading, and earnestly asked the Lord to prosper the work set forth in these resolutions.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, it is the sense of this body that this Association ought, at once, to begin to supply the destitution on the Catawba river mentioned in the report on Missions; and whereas, there is a growing feeling among

the brethren that we have among us a brother peculiarly fitted for this special work, and that the Spirit is impressing this work upon the brother afore mentioned, be it resolved:

First, that this brother be encouraged and urged to devote one Sunday each month to preaching the gospel to this destitute people along the Catawba river. We refer to our beloved moderator, Elder J. W. Watts.

Second, that our churches be urged to support him with their prayers and their means.

Third, that the pastors of this Association lay this matter earnestly before each of their churches and ask them to make contribution accordingly as the Lord shall lay this burden on their hearts.

The report on Spirituality of the Churches was submitted by Elder W. J. Bumgarner who began the discussion of the subject.

The hour having arrived for the sermon the choir sang, "On the Rock" and Elder G. Z. Bumgarner preached. Text, Eph. 6:17-18.

The committee on religious exercises announced:

Preaching tonight by Elder J. W. Watts.

Intermission.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Brother James Hendren.

Bethlehem church letter was filed with the Clerk and the following Messengers enrolled: William W. Teague, E. W. Teague, V. W. Teague.

The report on Spirituality of the Churches was again taken up and after being further discussed by Elders W. J. Bumgarner and J. M. Shaver was adopted.

REPORT ON THE SPIRITUALITY OF THE CHURCHES.

It may seem strange to many of our brethren that this body should require a report on the spiritual condition of the churches; while we pass over lightly the work of education, building schools, colleges, hospitals, etc. The latter we do not consider as vital to the salvation of souls. Nor do we believe this work has been committed to the churches.

But the Master has committed to them the preaching of the gospel. In order that they successfully carry out this command, the churches

must be spiritual. And in order that the churches be spiritual, the members must be spirit born. The Savior told His disciples just before he left them not to depart from Jerusalem till they were endued with power from on high. Then He added, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Are we looking to and leaning on the Holy Spirit for power and guidance to-day? Or are we not rather looking to material things as fundamental to this work? Why so much stress laid on education if not vital in our work?

Why this catechetical age? In the language of another, why this trend toward educational standards in the ministry, if this be not true? Was this Paul's teaching 1st Cor. 1:20-28? Compare clamor for salary today with Paul's farewell address in Acts. 20:34. Why no tears, no shout of praise now? Why a weakness to shed tears, over your sins? Instance the woman at the feet of Jesus washing His feet with her tears. Hear Paul as he says to the Elders of Ephesus. "By the space of three years, I ceased not to warn every one of you night and day with tears."

But we rejoice in many good meetings and old time revivals that have been held with this and adjoining Associations during the present year.

Respectfully,

W. J. BUMGARMER, }
J. M. SHAVER } Com.

The report on Duties to the Poor was read by Elder G. Z. Bumgarner and after being spoken to by Elders G. Z. Bumgarner, D. W. Pool, R. Lee Davis, J. M. Shaver and Brother C. L. Millsaps was adopted.

REPORT ON DUTIES TO THE POOR.

No duty is more emphasized by both Old and New Testament scriptures than caring for the poor and no duty, if discharged, commands greater blessings, both spiritual and temporal, Prov. 19:17.

We would advise our brethren and sisters not to wait for a cry from the poor, but, if we would enjoy the blessings of heaven, to seek them out and see that they are supplied.

Also, the number of children at the Thomasville Orphanage has increased to near five hundred we would recommend that our churches contribute liberally and regularly to that institution.

G. Z. BUMGARNER }
C. L. MILLSAPS } Com.

The following report on Digest of Church Letters was

filed with the Clerk by Brother J. W. Pharr.

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

25 Churches of this Association report a total membership of 3,586, a gain of 103, with 246 Baptisms. Received by letter 44. Restored 7. Died 23. Dismissed by letter 86. Fellowship withdrawn 7.

Contributions: Foreign Missions $272.86; State Missions $37.64; Orphanage, Church and Sunday School $236.75; Building and repairs, Church property, $2,267; Incidentals $136.60; To the Poor $59; Minute Fund $24.66; Sixteen churches, combined, report Pastor's Salary $1,004; Home Missions $73; Revival Work $130; Other objects $21.

Sunday School report: Seventeen schools report a total membership of 1,276.

J. W. LINNEY
W. J. MOORE } Com.
J. W. PHARR

The report on Nominations was read by Brother T. H. Williams and adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

The Committee on Nominations beg leave to submit the following report:

Fundamental Doctrines.—D. W. Pool, J. M. Shaver, Grover Teague.

Temperance.—E. V. Bumgarner, W. E. White, Fred Harrington.

Church and Pastoral Relations.—W. E. Linney, Elijah Teague, P. E. Johnson.

Spirituality of the Churches.—L. P. Gwaltney, J. L. Teague, G. Z. Bumgarner.

Missions.—W. J. Bumgarner, J. A. White, C. F. Friday.

Duties to the Poor.—C. L. Millsaps, J. P. Gwaltney, A. F. Sharpe.

Sunday Schools.—W. E. White, A. F. Sharpe, J. E. Chatham.

MESSENGERS TO ASSOCIATIONS.

Brier Creek—D. W. Pool, C. L. Millsaps.
Caldwell—W. J. Bumgarner, C. F. Friday.
South Yadkin—J. P. Gwaltney, A. F. Sharpe.
State Convention—L. P. Gwaltney.
Southern Baptist Convention—R. L. Davis.

Time of next meeting—Thursday before the Second Sunday in October, 1915.

Place—Mt. Olive.

To preach introductory sermon—J. L. Teague. Alternate J. M. Shaver.

A. C. PAYNE
TILDEN WILLIAMS } Com.
J. W. CHAPMAN

The Treasurer then read his report which was approved.

Correspondents being called on to report Elders J. M. Shaver and G. Z. Bumgarner reported having attended the Caldwell Association.

Messengers to other meetings and Associations failed to attend.

Brother T. H. Williams offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted.

Be it resolved, that the thanks of this body be tendered to the good people of Stony Point and surrounding community for the kind and hospitable way in which they have entertained this Association, and also to the choir for the most splendid music they have rendered for us.

Bro. John Gwaltney was appointed on the Committee having charge of the funds arising from the sale of the Baptist school property at Taylorsville in the place of Elder J. W. Watts who did not wish to serve.

The Committee was authorized to use its discretion in expending, for ministerial education, the accrued interest on said fund.

The Clerk was ordered to have 500 copies of Minutes printed and distributed.

The Minute Fund being insufficient, a collection was taken amounting to $4.23 which was added to said fund.

The Committee on devotional exercises reported as follows:

Song service tomorrow at 9:30 a. m.

To be followed with Sunday speeches by Bro. T. H. Williams and Elder R. Lee Davis.

Sermon at the Baptist church by Elder W. J. Bumgarner at 11 a. m.

Sermon at the Methodist church by Elder J. M. Shaver at 11 a. m.

The choir then sang: "Alas and did my Savior bleed" and the Association adjourned with prayer by Elder R. Lee Davis.

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NIGHT SERVICE.

At 7:30 p. m. the congregation again assembled and

Elder J. W. Watts preached. Text: 2 Peter 2:15.

Closed with benediction by Elder W. J. Bumgarner.

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SUNDAY.

After song service and prayer, interesting and inspiring talks were made, on the subject of Sunday Schools, by Brother T. H. Williams, Elder R. Lee Davis and Brother V. W. Teague.

Last year's report was used.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The report of the Committee of last year cited Bible authority for church work in Sunday School.

The reports of the Churches will show the comparative status in work of the Sunday Schools for the year closing.

The seed is the Word.

The Sunday School is the christian's opportunity for sowing the seed for the eternal harvest. If no seed is sown no harvest will be reaped.

T. H. WILLIAMS, for Com.

At 11 o'clock, after a song and prayer, Elder W. J. Bumgarner preached a very strong and helpful sermon. Text: 2 Peter 1:10-11.

Collection for Foreign Missions $13.74.

Closed with benediction by Elder W. J. Bumgarner.

J. W. WATTS, Moderator.

R. L. DOWNS, Clerk.

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REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Received from the various churches as follows:

CHURCHES	Foreign Missions	State Missions	Orphanage	Minute Fund	Total
Antioch				$ 1 35	$ 1 35
Bethel	$ 3 30			1 25	4 55
Bethany	8 12			1 22	9 34
Bethlehem			$ 4 60	1 00	5 60
Concord	1 31			11	1 42
Damascus	18 26			1 45	19 71
Dover	2 60			65	3 25
Island Ford					
Lebanon	27 80		1 00	1 25	30 05
Liledoun	3 15			1 00	4 15
Linney's Grove	4 25			1 20	5 45
Little River	11 56			70	12 26
Macedonia	3 00			1 25	4 25
Mt. Olive	9 36			60	9 96
Mt. Herman				1 05	1 05
Mt. Nebo	2 00			70	2 70
Pilgrim				1 00	1 00
Pleasant Grove	2 00			70	2 70
Pleasant Hill	25			1 10	1 35
Poplar Springs	1 00			70	1 70
Sulphur Springs	4 25	$10 00		1 00	15 25
Stony Point				1 50	1 50
Three Forks	4 10		5 63	1 40	11 13
Taylorsville		10 00		2 00	12 00
Taylor Springs	6 75			70	7 45
White Plains				65	65
West Hickory			2 10	50	2 60
C. S. Holton	25 00				25 00
Col. for Minute Fund				4 23	4 23
Total	$138 06	$20 00	$13 33	$30 26	$201 65

J. E. CHATHAM
E. W. TEAGUE } Com.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Bal on hand Oct. 12th, 1913	$183 41	
By check to Rev. T. L. Blalock		$163 89
" " " Orphanage		4 40
" " " Rev. H. A. Rashton		5 12
" " " State Mission Board		17 68
Nov. 1 Received of Stony Point Baptist Church, S. M.	7 68	
	$191 09	$191 09
Nov. 28 Received of Sulphur Springs F. M.	$ 10 60	
" " " " Three Forks " "	3 05	
Jan. 23 " " Sulphur Springs " "	7 88	
" " Lebanon " "	14 80	
" " Sulphur Springs " "	3 74	
" " White Plains " "	4 12	
" " Bethel " "	8 74	
" " Damascus " "	10 74	
" " Three Forks " "	4 00	
" " Bethlehem " "	4 56	
" " Mt. Herman " "	1 00	
" " " " H. M.	1 00	
" " Macedonia " "	5 00	
" " Pleasant Hill " "	2 80	
" " Sulphur Springs " "	4 30	
" " White Plains " "	2 80	
" " Antioch " "	1 30	
" " Bethel " "	2 50	
" " Pleasant Hill " "	4 31	
" " Sulphur Springs " "	9 21	
" " Stony Point " "	9 55	$108 60
By check to Rev. T. L. Blalock		100 00
Balance on hands Oct. 8th, 1914	$ 8 60	
Received from Finance Committee for Foreign Missions	138 06	
For State Missions	20 00	
" Orphanage	13 33	
" Rev. H. A. Rashton by C. S. Holton	2 00	
Balance on hand Oct. 10th. 1914,	$181 99	
Association collection for Foreign Missions	13 74	
Total Balance	$195 73	

A. L. WATTS, Treasurer.

TABLE I--STATISTICAL

CHURCH	PASTOR	POST-OFFICE	CLERK	POST-OFFICE	Time of Preaching	Value of Church Property	GAINS			LOSSES			Number of Males	Number of Females	Total Membership
							By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	Fellowship Withdrawn	By Death			
Antioch	J M Shaver	Lenoir, R 2	R L Downs	Taylorsville, R 4	4	$ 1200	13	3	1	14	..	4	163	201	364
Bethel	J W Watts	Taylorsville, R 7	L E Barnes	Gilreath	3	.....	3	3	...	10	.....	3	102	146	248
Bethany	J W Watts	Taylorsville, R 7	E E Pool	Gilreath	3	.....	18	5	...	3	.....	...	95	94	189
Bethlehem	W J Bumgarner	Taylorsville, R 5	Wm W Teague	Bentley	1	500	11	...	1	4	.....	1	72	124	196
Concord	J N Binkley	Harmony	William Pierce	Stony Point	4	.....	13	...	...	...	.....	...	50	83	133
Dover	J W Watts	Taylorsville, R 7	G B Pennell	Taylorsville, R 4	4	500	13	...	2	3	.....	2	50	68	118
Damascus	J P Gwaltney	Hiddenite, R 1	C L Milsaps	Statesville, R 5.	1	1500	4	1	2	9	1	4	103	122	225
Lebanon	E V Bumgarner	Taylorsville, R 5	J M Fortner	Taylorsville, R 5	4	400	.....	...	1	5	.....	1	44	75	119
Liledoun	L P Gwaltney	Hiddenite, R 1	A E Watts	Taylorsville	4	.....	18	4	...	4	.....	1	63	85	148
Linney's Grove	W T Comer	New Castle	J F Baker	Hiddenite, R 1	3	.....	9	2	...	5	.....	1	52	74	126
Little River	G Z Bumgarner	Taylorsville, R 5	T Z Webster	Taylorsville, R 5	1	.....	.....	5	...	2	3	...	48	70	118
Macedonia	D W Pool	Stony Point	J E Chatham	Taylorsville	3	600	.....	3	...	4	.....	...	69	131	200
Mt. Olive	E V Bumgarner	Taylorsville, R 5	J J Lowe	Poor's Knob, R 2	3	800	3	3	...	6	.....	...	66	101	167
Mt. Herman	J W Watts	Taylorsville, R 7	P E Johnson	Taylorsville, R 4	4	800	9	5	...	...	1	1	36	55	91
Mt. Nebo	J W Watts	Taylorsville, R 7	G L Steele	Stony Point	2	800	.....	...	...	...	.....	...	43	55	98
Pilgrim	W T Comer	New Castle	J M Query	Hiddenite	3	.....	3	...	...	6	1	...	79	70	149
Pleasant Grove	J P Gwaltney	Hiddenite, R 1	R E Levan	Stony Point	3	500	12	1	...	...	.....	...	29	28	57
Pleasant Hill	W E Linney	Hiddenite, R 1	J W Pharr	Taylorsville	2	600	.....	1	...	...	1	1	30	68	98
Poplar Springs	E V Bumgarner	Taylorsville, R 5	J A Pennell	Taylorsville, R 5	2	.....	.....	...	...	1	.....	...	54	102	156
Sulphur Springs	L P Gwaltney	Hiddenite, R 1	B F Patterson	Hiddenite	3	.....	2	2	...	6	.....	1	68	109	177
Stony Point	L P Gwaltney	Hiddenite, R 1	A W White	Stony Point	1	1500	5	1	...	2	.....	...	41	47	90
Three Forks	W J Bumgarner	Taylorsville, R 5	Jno. B Echerd	Taylorsville, R 4	3	800	11	1	1	7	.....	...	88	118	206
Taylorsville	L P Gwaltney	Hiddenite, R 1	J L Gwaltney	Taylorsville	2	1000	15	3	...	2	.....	3	36	59	95
Taylor Springs	R N Garner	Hunting Creek	H T Williams	New Hope	3	.....	4	2	...	1	.....	...	38	66	104
White Plains	J W Watts	Taylorsville, R 7	C F Friday	Taylorsville	2	600	35	2	...	1	.....	2	41	58	99
West Hickory	D W Pool	Stony Point	F S Miller	Hickory	1	125	.....	...	...	...	.....	...	6	15	21

TABLE II--FINANCIAL

CHURCH	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	State Mission	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Orphanage	Ministerial Relief	Other Objects	TOTAL
Antioch	$ 33 55	$ 2 50	$ 8 00	.....	.....	$ 1 35	.....	.....	$ 1 30	$ 6 06	.....	$ 67 75	$ 120 26
Bethel	55 00	54	12 35	.....	.....	1 25	.....	.....	14 54	.....	.....	.....	83 68
Bethany	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 22	.....	.....	8 11	4 89	.....	.....	44 22
Bethlehem	75 00	65 00	19 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	4 56	4 60	.....	.....	169 16
Concord	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	.....	.....	1 31	.....	.....	.....	51 42
Dover	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	.....	.....	2 60	.....	.....	.....	3 25
Damascus	.....	115 00	.....	$ 4 74	.....	1 45	.....	.....	29 01	20 30	.....	50 80	221 30
Lebanon	60 00	.....	16 00	.....	.....	1 25	.....	$ 4 00	42 40	1 00	.....	3 75	121 40
Liledoun	112 00	.....	.....	11 90	$10 00	1 00	$10 00	109 50	68 95	.....	.....	.....	323 35
Linney's Grove	41 00	.....	38 25	.....	.....	1 20	.....	.....	4 25	.....	.....	.....	84 70
Little River	.....	97 55	.....	.....	.....	70	.....	.....	11 55	3 48	.....	.....	113 28
Macedonia	40 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	1 25	.....	.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....	59 25
Mt. Olive	75 00	.....	13 75	4 54	.....	60	.....	.....	9 36	.....	.....	.....	103 25
Mt. Herman	40 00	.....	3 50	3 84	8 50	1 05	.....	.....	.....	2 00	$12 50	.....	71 39
Mt. Nebo	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	.....	.....	2 00	13 05	.....	.....	15 05
Pilgrim	30 00	84 50	9 25	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	124 75
Pleasant Grove	40 00	2 00	15 00	.....	.....	70	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	59 70
Pleasant Hill	.....	.....	.....	7 04	.....	1 10	.....	.....	7 39	.....	.....	.....	15 53
Poplar Springs	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 70
Sulphur Springs	100 00	.....	50 00	.....	.....	1 00	10 00	.....	37 02	25 64	.....	62 05	285 74
Stony Point	131 00	.....	.....	26 00	.....	1 50	7 64	.....	9 55	16 21	.....	.....	191 90
Three Forks	53 00	.....	18 00	.....	.....	1 40	.....	.....	8 10	5 63	.....	.....	86 13
Taylorsville	100 00	.....	14 00	32 29	.....	2 00	10 00	.....	.....	9 74	.....	.....	168 03
Taylor Springs	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	.....	.....	6 57	.....	.....	.....	7 27
White Plains	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	.....	.....	6 92	.....	.....	.....	7 57
West Hickory	42 85	.....	4 00	5 64	20 00	50	.....	.....	.....	2 10	.....	35 03	109 52
	$1107 55	$377 09	$221 10	$95 99	$38 50	$26 03	$37 64	$113 50	$286 49	$114 70	$12 50	$219 33	$2642 80

TABLE III--SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCH	SUPERINTENDENT	POST-OFFICE	SECRETARY	POST-OFFICE	Number of Schools	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Church Members in S. S.	Months Kept Open	Baptisms from School	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Antioch	R C Cline	Taylorsville, R 4	Dorothy Cline	Taylorsville, R 4	1	5	50	55		8		$	$	$	$	$
Bethel	J E Gilreath.	Hiddenite	J W Barnett	Taylorsville	1	5	70	75	34	5	2					
Bethany	E E Pool	Gilreath	Alma Walker	Poor's Knob	1	5	105	110		11						
Bethlehem	Wm W Teague	Bentley	Wm. W Teague	Bentley	1	5	40	45								
Dover	G B Pennell	Taylorsville, R 4	L P White	Taylorsville, R 4	1	5	66	71		6	9					
Damascus	N G Sloan	Statesville, R 5.	I A McLain	Statesville, R 5	1	7	65	72		10	2	4 74		12 62		17 36
Lebanon	J M Fortner	Taylorsville, R 5			1	7	53	60								
Liledoun	J W Stafford	Taylorsville	A E Watts	Taylorsville	1	5	61	66	37	12	13	11 90				11 90
Mt. Olive	H S Deal	Poor's Knob, R 2	E J Deal	Poor's Knob, R 2	2	5	40	45				4 54				
Mt. Hermon	L C Echerd	Taylorsville, R 4	Clara McBride	Taylorsville, R 4	1	4	46	50		12		3 84		2 00		5 84
Mt. Nebo	T J Lackey	Stony Point	Hunter Blankenship	Stony Point	1	7	69	76		9						
Pilgrim	Blaine Mayberry	New Hope	Gordon Mayberry	Gilreath	1	6	64	70	25	4	2					
Pleasant Grove	W J Page	Statesville, R 5.	J B Levan	Stony Point	1	6	30	36	20	2	6					
Pleasant Hill	J W Pharr	Taylorsville	Lula Daniel	Taylorsville	1	6				12		7 04	4 34			11 38
Sulphur Springs	B F Patterson	Hiddenite			1			107							62 08	62 08
Stony Point	A L Watts	Stony Point	Estella Lumesden	Stony Point	1	6	78	84		12	4					
Taylorsville	A C Payne	Taylorsville			1	7	85	92	35	12	11	32 29		9 74		42 03
Taylor Springs	A H Shaver	New Hope	Mertie Cass	New Hope	1	7	60	67								
White Plains	J G Blankenship	Hiddenite,	H A Presley	Taylorsville	1	6	94	100	60	12		1 50				1 50
West Hickory	F S Miller	Hickory	C C Griffin	Hickory	1	5	43	48	7	12		5 54		2 10	10 24	17 88
Total					21	109	1119	1329	218		49	$71 39	$ 4 34	$26 46	$72 32	$ 169 97

HISTORICAL WORK.

By W. S. McLeod.

It is a great pleasure to be able to record another successful and profitable session of the Alexander Association.

The weather was fine and the attendance as a whole good. The most perfect harmony prevailed among the brethren while an air of spirituality and of intense earnestness pervaded all the discussions and devotional exercises. The music furnished by the choir was unusually fine.

The good people of the town had made ample provisions for the comfort and entertainment of the Association and their kindness and hospitality could not have been surpassed.

STONY POINT CHURCH.

Stony Point Baptist Church was organized the 3rd day of October, 1909, by a Presbytery consisting of Elders J. P. Gwaltney, L. P. Gwaltney, D. W. Pool and W. J. Bumgarner. J. P. Gwaltney was elected chairman and W. J. Bumgarner clerk. The charter members were 23 in number, of this number one sister, Bro. S. S. Oliver's wife, has passed over the river.

The Church records show that 93 persons have been members of this Church since its organization, a gain of about 300 per cent. Since the Church worshiped in its own house it has had an evergreen Sunday School with a membership of about 80 and an average attendance of about 40, and this number has been largely comprised of Church members.

L. P. Gwaltney has been its pastor all the time and A. W. White clerk. The church is ideally located and its outlook is promising.

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OBITUARIES.

Eula Bell Downs, wife of Bro. R. L. Downs, was born April 16th, 1870, and died Feb. 25th, 1914. She was a daughter of the late Columbus Bell, and was, at the time of her death, the only remaining member of that family. She was a member of Antioch church, having joined there in early life. She was a good woman and is missed not only in the home, but in the church and community where she lived. If sickness or death came into the home of any neighbor she was always there ready to minister to the needs of the afflicted. Her hope of a glorious immortality was strong and when the summons came she went into the presence of the Great King without fear. Those that knew and loved her can but feel that today she is at rest and free from sorrow, pain and trouble she waits at the beautiful gates of the eternal city for the coming of the loved ones left behind.

Bro. R. L. Gwaltney, son of Rev. L. P. and M. E. Gwaltney, was born July, 1874, died June 30th, 1914. Joined Hebron Baptist Church September 1909, moved his membership to Linney's Grove in 1912 of which he was a member when he died. We miss Bobie, as we called him. He was a fine singer, a kind father and affectionate husband. But we feel that our loss is his eternal gain.

Sister Martha J. Johnson, daughter of J Gilson Bryant and wife of Samuel Johnson, was born April 27th, 1837. She joined Little River Baptist Church in early girlhood—later moved her membership to Three Forks church, then to Mt. Hermon when organized in the Fall of 1912, and lived a consistent member until death called her March 9th, 1914. In her death the church has lost one of its faithful members and the family a loving mother and grandmother.

Samuel Pickens Austin died July the 2nd, 1914. He lacked about one month of being 76 years old. He joined the church at Antioch in 1868 and in 1869 was ordained a deacon, serving in that capacity till the time of his death. He also served for several years as Church Clerk. He was a faithful attendant at church, very seldom being absent from the regular monthly meetings. He never missed but one communion service after joining the church and that was just before his death when too ill to attend.

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PROCEEDINGS.

Mt. Olive Baptist Church,
Thursday, Oct. 7th, 1915.

The twenty-ninth annual session of the Alexander Baptist Association convened with Mt. Olive church this morning.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder D. W. Pool. Text: I Kings 18:21.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder J. W. Watts.

Prayer by Elder L. P. Gwaltney.

Letters from the various churches were called for and Elder E. V. Bumgarner and Brother H. S. Deal were asked to read them.

The following Messengers were then enrolled:

Stony Point—J. S. Harris, C. L. Parker.
Sulphur Springs—Clark Sharpe, Fuller Blankenship.
Pilgrim—J. P. Hendren, Bois Mayberry, J. M. Querry.
Pleasant Hill—J. W. Pharr, Peter Daniels.
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Poplar Springs—Thomas Crouch, Stilman Robinette, Butler Chapman.
Mt. Hermon—L. C. Echerd, A. L. Johnson.
Liledoun—J. W. Stafford, Luther Austin, A. E. Watts.
Dover—W. D. Mooney, Robert Teters.
Mt. Olive—J. J. Lowe, H. S. Deal. M. K. Deal.
Bethany—W. C. Moore, C. J. Hendren, E. E. Pool.

Lebanon—M. C. Davis, E. E. Kerley, W. A. Sweet.
Macedonia—J. M. Fox, C. M. Fincannon.

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PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

On motion of Elder W. J. Bumgarner the old officers were re-elected by acclamation:

J. W. WATTS, Moderator.
R. L. DOWNS, Clerk.
A. L. WATTS, Treasurer.
W. S. McLEOD, Historian.

The Moderator then proceeded to appoint the following committees, to-wit:

Devotional Exercises—Pastor and Messengers of Mt. Olive church.
Nominations—J. W. Pharr, W. T. Linney, Partee Childers.
Digest of Church Letters—H. S. Deal, Thomas Crouch, J. S. Harris.

On motion of Elder D. W. Pool the Committee on Finance was dispensed with. All money going direct to the Treasurer, except the Minute funds which were ordered turned over to the Clerk.

New churches were then called for and Mt. Hebron and Beulah, two newly constituted churches, presented letters and asked to be allowed to join the Association. The letters were read and churches gladly received.

Messengers were enrolled as follows:

Mt. Hebron—B. S. Kerley, R. G. Clanton, Vernon Wike.
Beulah—U. P. Wilson, Sanford Anderson, Robert Smith.

Visiting brethren being called for Brother McKnight Snow and Elder W. T. Comer, both of the Brier Creek Association, responded and were gladly welcomed to seats.

The Constitution and By-Laws were read by Elder E. V. Bumgarner.

Vacancies on standing committees were filled as follows:

Church and Pastoral Relations—B. F. Austin, W. T. Comer.

The following order of business and religious exercises was adopted:

Prayer meeting at 9:30 a. m.
Business session at 10 a. m.
Sermon at 11 a. m.
Intermission.
Resume business at 1 p. m.
Adjourn at will.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported as follows:

Prayer meeting to-morrow morning conducted by Elder B. F. Austin.
Sermon by Elder W. J. Bumgarner.

Adjourned with prayer by Elder W. T. Comer.

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FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association met as per adjournment.
Prayer service conducted by Elder R. Lee Davis.
Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

On motion of Elder J. P. Gwaltney the Clerk was authorized to strike out the word "County" from the name of the Association, making it read simply: "The Alexander Baptist Association."

Visiting brethren were then called for and Elder W. C. Meadows and Brethren John Russell and Monroe German, all of the Brushy Mountain Association, came forward and were given the glad hand of welcome by the Moderator.

On a call for delinquent churches letters from Taylor Springs, Little River and Damascus were presented and read and Messengers enrolled as follows:

Taylor Springs—Represented by letter only.
Little River—T. Z. Webster, N. J. Walker, Robert Deal.
Damascus—R. C. Bowles, R. D. Goodin.

Reports of Standing Committees being called for Elder D. W. Pool read the report on Fundamental Doctrines which after being discussed by Elders D. W. Pool, J. P. Gwaltney and R. Lee Davis was adopted.

REPORT ON FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES.

Among all the subjects to come before this body there is none of more vital importance than this, because the salvation of the soul is involved.

Suffice it to say that the great underlying truth of God's word is: repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence heart work as opposed to a mere intellectual knowledge. This, the great battle ground of the ages. The least departure from God's word in design or practice is dangerous. Witness the departure of the early churches in the design of baptism as well as to the way in which it is administered. Also the losing sight of the simple democratic form of the local church and results which followed. And are we in no danger?

Hear this quotation from a recent number of the Biblical Recorder: "Religion without education is superstition and fanaticism. Education without religion is scepticism and infidelity."

Now set over against this statement I Cor. 1:26 "For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called." Also 29th verse "That no flesh should glory in his presence" and 2nd chapter and 5th verse "That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men but in the power of God."

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. POOL, for Com.

The hour having arrived for the sermon the choir sang "Building on the Rock" and Elder W. T. Comer preached. Text, Psalms 20:2.

Intermission.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Brother W. S. McLeod.

Delinquent churches were again called for and letters from Concord, Mt. Nebo, White Plains, Taylorsville and Bethlehem were handed in and read and Messengers enrolled as follows:

Concord—F. L. Gryder, W. E. Gryder.
Mt. Nebo—G. L. Steele, Clarence Lackey, Hunter Blankenship.
White Plains—C. F. Friday, C. C. Mayberry, W. C. Kerley.
Taylorsville—A. C. Payne, E. F. Harrington, A. F. White.
Bethlehem—Wm. W. Teague, A. W. Robinson.

On a call for new churches Elder R. Lee Davis present-

ed a letter from Hiddenite church with the request that it be allowed to join the Association.

The letter was read and church gladly received being represented by letter only.

Elder E. V. Bumgarner submitted the report on Temperance which, after being discussed by him was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is the habitual moderation in regard to the indulgence of the natural appetites and passions, and is put down in the sacred word as the "fruit of the Spirit." While intemperance is the want of moderation or due restraint, or the indulgence of the appetites or passions which is injurious to the person or contrary to morality, and is put down in scripture as the "works of the flesh."

We instance three examples: Drunkenness, Gal. Dress, The Epistles of Peter and Paul, and speech, see James.

We are glad to note a marked improvement in the first named, due in part to the laws now in force in the State, and in part to the growing sentiment against such in both Church and State.

But the Law is not for the righteous but for the lawless and disobedient, I Tim. 1:9, and when you compel men to be good you haven't made them much better. The Legitimate work of the Church is not to enact Laws but to present the Grace of God that brought salvation to all men, which, in turn, will teach them that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, they should live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world. Titus 2:11-12.

E. V. BUMGARNER,
FRED HARRINGTON, } Com.

The report on Church and Pastoral Relations was submitted by Elder W. E. Linney and pending its adoption speeches were made by Brother W. S. McLeod and Elders W. T. Comer, W. E. Linney and B. F. Austin. The report was adopted,

REPORT ON CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATIONS.

The relation between church and pastor is very tender. It is like that between parent and child.

The pastor's love and care for the flock; his anxiety for the welfare of the weak; his anxious effort to preach the gospel in its purity and to say the things most needful; his longing desire to be used, in God's hands, in leading the lost to Christ; his endeavor to train the people in the grace of giving to the support of the gospel, at home and abroad, and the support of the poor. All these things and many others make up

the labor and thought of the pastor.

We believe that the pastors in this Association are serving their respective churches to the very best of their ability. We believe that the churches love and appreciate their pastors; but we do not believe that the churches are contributing to their support in proportion to the merit of the pastors nor the ability of the churches. We assign as a reason:

1st. Negligence on the part of those whose duty it is to attend to such things.

2nd. A lack, in part, of instruction from the pulpit as to the grace of giving. Respectfully submitted,

W E. LINNEY, }
W. T. COMER, } Com.

The report on Spirituality of the Churches was read by Elder L. P. Gwaltney and after being discussed by him was adopted.

REPORT ON SPIRITUALITY OF THE CHURCHES.

Your committee would earnestly urge the careful perusal of the report of the committee of last year on this vital subject and would only add that the greatest question of this twentieth century is whether our blessed religion shall be merely materialistic, formal, perfunctory or shall it be vital and spiritual in its entirety in its efforts to save the world as in the days of old. How is the cry for more spirituality, as it comes up from Maine to California, to be answered?

Are the opinions of our religious statesmen, that the church must come out of old ruts, break loose from old landmarks and rise to environments of this age by urging home religion and taking control of educational interests?

Must church standards be planted in the whirl of business interests and control them, and to affect all this must the church largely control legislation, states and government itself?

Is the live problem of the country church to be settled by having leaders trained in social, economic and civic questions?

The remedy: Your committee would suggest that the country church, the fountain head of vital christianity, now in the towns, and the source of nineteen twentieths of the ministry, anchor firmly to the tried system of a God called and Spirit panoplied ministry with a passion for lost souls, the only scriptural means given to save a lost world, and thereby avoid the breakers just ahead—a formal chrisianity and its legitimate fruits, viz: an unregenerate church membership and far worse, the spirit of Cain and the error of Balaam (Jude 11) which in the light of history and of revelation have always grown out of a lifeless, formal religion. Respectfully submitted,

L. P. GWALTNEY, for Com.

The last year's report on Duties to the Poor was read by the Clerk and after being spoken to by Elders J. P. Gwaltney and W. C. Meadows and Brother A. C. Payne, was adopted.

REPORT ON DUTIES TO THE POOR.

No duty is more emphasized by both Old and New Testament scriptures than caring for the poor and no duty, if discharged, commands greater blessings, both spiritual and temporal, Prov. 19:17.

We would advise our brethren and sisters not to wait for a cry from the poor, but, if we would enjoy the blessings of heaven, to seek them out and see that they are supplied.

Also the number of children at the Thomasville Orphanage has increased to five hundred. We would recommend that our churches contribute liberally and regularly to that institution.

Respectfully submitted,
J. P. GWALTNEY, for Com.

Following the discussion of the report on Duties to the Poor, Elder D. W. Pool suggested a collection for the Orphanage. The collection was taken and amounted to $10.13.

The Historian then read his work on the history of Mt. Olive church.

The committee on religious exercises reported as follows:

Prayer service to-morrow morning conducted by Brother A. C. Payne.

Sermon by Elder J. P. Gwaltney.

Adjourned with benediction by Elder W. J. Bumgarner.

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SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Association met as per adjournment.

Prayer meeting conducted by Brother A. C. Payne.

Minutes of previous day read and approved.

Elder W. J. Bumgarner submitted the report on Missions.

Pending its adoption, Elder D. W. Pool offered a resolution and moved that it be appended to the report.

The report and resolution were discussed by Elders W. J. Bumgarner, J. P. Gwaltney, D. W. Pool, W. C. Meadows and L. P. Gwaltney and Brethren C. F. Friday and J. W. Pharr.

Elder J. W. Watts then made a very encouraging statement regarding the Mission work done by him in the Catawba river section of the Association.

The resolution of Elder D. W. Pool was adopted as an amendment to the report and report adopted as amended.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The marching orders of Our Divine Master, to preach the Gospel to every creature, is just as binding on us to-day as it was upon his immediate followers.

We regret that there is so much anti-mission sentiment among our people. Some do not hesitate to say "I do not believe in Missions." Others express, yes, many others, express the same sentiment by their actions. What saith the Scriptures? Let us turn to Acts 13 chapter. Here we have an account of the church at Antioch, in fasting and prayer. And "as they ministered to the Lord and fasted the Holy Ghost said, Seperate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away."

Next verse, "So they being sent by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia." Here we have the combined action of the Church and the Holy Ghost in sending out missionaries, That is God's plan to-day.

We want now to commend the work of Brother Blalock and wife. Also Sister Bostic, who are standing firm on Gospel Mission principles while others have gone out from them because they were not of them. Your committee urge that we rally to the aid of these faithful ones and support them better than ever before.

We would also recommend the work of Brother H. A. Roshto, in La., who has, this year, baptized one hundred Catholics.

We would further and earnestly recommend to the brethren the work of Brother J. W. Watts in the bounds of this Association which is bearing fruit, as we believe, to the honor and glory of God.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. BUMGARNER, }
C. F. FRIDAY, } Com.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That we, the members of the Alexander Association, now in session, endorse the action of Brother T. L. Blalock, our missionary

in China, in withdrawing fellowship from Angling, Rushin and others on account of false and fanatical doctrine and practice. See August number of the Missionary Helper.

The hour having arrived for preaching the choir sang, "Decide To-day," and Elder J. P. Gwaltney preached. Text, I Cor. 3:21-22.

Intermission.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Brother C. F. Friday.

Letters from West Hickory and Pleasant Grove were presented and read. Both churches were represented by letter only.

On a call for visiting brethren Brother Vance McGhinnis, of the Brushy Mountain Association, came forward and was gladly welcomed to a seat in the body.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by the Clerk and adopted without discussion.

On motion the Moderator appointed Elder W. C. Meadows and Brethren J. W. Pharr and C. F. Friday, to make talks, Sunday morning, on the subject of Sunday Schools.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

A Sunday School, in its true sense, is an associated effort on the part of Christians, and others, to promote God's Kingdom, in the hearts of men, by the study of his revealed will.

It is the assimilation of its vital principles into our entire spiritual existence, and consequently makes us "wise unto salvation."

The results already attained are vast, even beyond our comprehension, and future possibilities are unlimited.

The question for us to decide, and decide right now, is not whether it will be a success, but whether we will have any hand in the work; whether we will have any sheaves to lay at the Master's feet or simply be idle spectators at the great and crowning day.

W. E. WHITE.

The following is the report of the committee on Digest of Church Letters which was filed with the Clerk by Bro.

H. S. Deal.

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

We find that twenty-nine churches of this Association report a total membership of 4,020, a gain of 434.

Baptisms 237. Received by letter 85. Restored 3. Died 32. Dismissed by letter 75. Fellowship withdrawn 10.

Contributions; Foreign Missions $212.89. State Missions $17.08 Associational Missions $47.84. Orphanage $150.72. Home Missions $53.00. Aid in Protracted Meetings $87.52, Ministerial Aid $20.65. Poor $33.75. Building Repairs $518.16. Incidentals $105.55.

Fifteen churches, combined, report $927.00 for Pastor's Salary. Minute Fund $27.92.

Seventeen churches report Sunday Schools, with a total membership of 1,264.

Five of the above schools are open the whole year.

H. S. DEAL,
A. C. PAYNE, } Com.

Brother J. W. Pharr submitted the following Report on Nominations, which was adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

The Committee on Nominations beg leave to submit the following report:

Fundamental Doctrines.—L. P. Gwaltney, J. L. Teague, W. C. Linney.

Church and Pastoral Relations.—D. W. Pool, W. T. Comer, W. E. Linney.

Spirituality of the Churches.—W. J. Bumgarner, B. F. Austin, J. A. White.

Duties to the Poor.—A. F. Sharpe, T. L. Williams, J. P. Gwaltney.

Temperance.—G. Z. Bumgarner, A. C. Payne, J. B. Echerd.

Missions.—E. V. Bumgarner, R. Lee Davis, Loyd Teague.

Sunday Schools.—A. F. Sharpe, J. E. Chatham, C. F. Friday.

MESSENGERS TO ASSOCIATIONS.

Brier Creek.—J. P. Gwaltney, D. W. Pool.
Caldwell.—W. J. Bumgarner, G. Z. Bumgarner.
South Yadkin.—A. F. Sharpe, R. Lee Davis.
State Convention.—J. A. White, J. W. Watts.
Southern Baptist Convention.—J. L. Gwaltney.

Time of next meeting.—Thursday before Second Sunday in

October, 1916.

Place.—Pilgrim.

To preach the introductory sermon.—J. L. Teague. Alternate.—E. V. Bumgarner.

J. W. PHARR,
D. P. CHILDERS, } Com.
W. T. LINNEY.

Correspondents being called on to report, Elder D. W. Pool reported having visited the Brier Creek Association.

Messengers to other meetings failed to attend.

The Clerk was ordered to have 500 copies of the Minutes printed and distributed.

Minute fund being considered insufficient a collection was taken amounting to $3.94 which was added to said fund.

The Treasurer was authorized to file his report with the Clerk.

On motion of W. S. McLeod, the churches of the Association were requested to take quarterly collections for Foreign Missions.

Bro. A. C. Payne then made a statement regarding the fund derived from the sale of the United Baptist Institute property at Taylorsville.

By a rising vote the thanks of the Association was tendered to the good people of the community for their kindness and hospitality and to the officers for the courteous and efficient manner in which they had performed their respective duties.

Closing remarks were made by Elder J. P. Gwaltney and while the congregation sang: "I would not live always," the brethren, with much feeling, shook hands with each other.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported as follows:

Prayer meeting to-morrow, at 10 a. m., conducted by Elder J. W. Watts.

Sermon at 11 a. m. by Elder L. P. Gwaltney.

Closed with prayer by the Moderator.

SUNDAY.

After song and prayer service conducted by Elder J. W. Watts, interesting and helpful talks were made by Brethren J. W. Pharr, C. F. Friday and Elder W. C. Meadows.

At 11 o'clock the congregation sang, "Praise the Lord" and "Building on the Rock" and Elder L. P. Gwaltney preached a strong, able sermon from the text: Acts. 2:1.

Collection for Foreign Missions $10.25.

Closed with benediction by Elder W. C. Meadows.

J. W. WATTS, Moderator.

R. L. DOWNS, Clerk.

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REPORT OF TREASURER.

Oct. 10, 1914, balance on hands					$195 73	
	F. M.	S. M.	H. M.	Orp.		
Received of J. W. Watts	$10 00				10 00	
" " Stony Point		$6 83	$11 75	$6 45	25 03	
By check Rev. T. L. Blalock						$169 40
" " State Mission Board						27 83
" " M. L. Kesler, Orp'ge						19 78
" " H. A. Roshtoe						2 00
" " J. W. Watts						11 75
					$230 76	$230 76

Received of Antioch	4 36				$ 4 36	
" " Bethel	8 65				8 65	
" " Bethany	11 08			1 65	12 73	
" " Bethlehem	2 50		2 50		5 00	
" " Concord	4 70				4 70	
" " Damascus	13 69				13 69	
" " Dover	2 00				2 00	
" " Island Ford						
" " Lebanon	32 25		3 25	3 25	38 75	
" " Liledoun	3 00				3 00	
" " Linney's Grove	7 41				7 41	
" " Little River	7 75				7 75	
" " Macedonia						
" " Mt. Olive			3 35		3 35	
" " Mt. Herman	7 88				7 88	
" " Mt. Nebo	3 45				3 45	
" " Pilgrim	5 00				5 00	
" " Pleasant Grove	2 16				2 16	
" " Poplar Springs						
" " Pleasant Hill						
" " Sulphur Springs	30 49				30 49	
" " Stony Point	13 17				13 17	
" " Three Forks	10 48		3 69	3 67	17 84	
" " Taylorsville	2 50				2 50	
" " Beulah	1 50				1 50	
" " Taylor Springs	4 40				4 40	
" " White Plains	4 74				4 74	
" " West Hickory	1 40			1 00	2 40	
" " C. S. Holton	25 00				25 00	
Association Collection	10 25			10 13	20 38	
	219 81		$12 70	19 70	$252 30	
By check to Rev. T. L. Blalock						$ 77 35
By Balance on hand Oct. 12th, 1915						$174 65

A. L. WATTS, Treasurer.

TABLE I--STATISTICAL

CHURCH	PASTOR	POSTOFFICE	CLERK	POSTOFFICE	Time of Preaching	Value of Church Property	GAINS			LOSSES			Number of Males	Number of Females	Total Membership
							By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	Fellowship withdrawn	By Death			
Antioch	G Z Bumgarner	Taylorsville R 5	R L Downs	Taylorsville R 4	1	$ 1200	6	2		7		6	159	198	357
Bethel	J W Watts	" R 1	L E Barnes	" R 3	3		10			22		4	103	129	232
Bethany	" "	" R 1	E E Pool	Gilreath	3		22	7		5		1	107	103	210
Bethlehem	W J Bumgarner	" R 5	Wm W Teague	Bentley	4	500	6	1		5		3	74	119	193
Beulah	B F Austin	" R 4	U P Wilson	Taylorsville	3										86
Concord	W J Bumgarner	" R 5	William Pierce	Stony Point	1	400							50	68	118
Dover	B F Austin	" R 4	W D Mooney	Taylorsville R 4	4	500	6	1		2		3	48	71	119
Damascus	J P Gwaltney	Hiddenite R 1	C L Millsaps	Statesville R 5	1	1200	4		1	7	3	2	100	118	218
Hiddenite	L P "	Stony Point	J B Leach	Hiddenite	3	400									26
Island Ford															
Lebanon	E V Bumgarner	Taylorsville R 5	G W Bumgarner	Taylorsville R 5	4	500	1			1	2	1	41	70	111
Liledoun	L P Gwaltney	Stony Point	A E Watts	" R 1	4		6	3		7			60	90	150
Linney's Grove	W T Comer	New Castle	J F Baker	Hiddenite R 1	3		2	1		6	1	1	50	71	121
Little River	B F Austin	Taylorsville R 4	T Z Webster	Taylorsville R 5	1			4		3			50	69	119
Macedonia	J W Watts	" R 1	J M Fox	"	4	600	7	1		3		2	74	128	202
Mt. Olive	E V Bumgarner	" R 5	J J Lowe	Poor's Knob R 2	3		2		2	24	1	1	56	85	141
Mt. Hermon	L P Gwaltney	Stony Point	P E Johnson	Taylorsville R 4	4	800	5	3		1	1	2	35	57	92
Mt. Nebo	J W Watts	Taylorsville R 1	G L Steele	Stony Point	2	850	10	2					51	60	111
Mt. Hebron	E V Bumgarner	" R 5	J P Crouch	Taylorsville	3										59
Pilgrim	W T Comer	New Castle	J M Query	Hiddenite	3		13	11		6		1	89	87	176
Pleasant Grove	R L Davis	Hiddenite	R E Levan	Stony Point	2	750	2			1			30	29	59
Pleasant Hill	D W Pool	Stony Point	J W Pharr	Taylorsville	3	500	5	1		3	1	1	31	69	100
Poplar Springs	E V Bumgarner	Taylorsville R 5	J F Robinette	" R 5	2		6			3			55	96	151
Sulphur Springs	L P Gwaltney	Stony Point	B F Patterson	Hiddenite	3	1500	32	1		22		2	70	116	186
Stony Point	" "	" "	A W White	Stony Point	1	1500	19	14					51	70	121
Three Forks	W J Bumgarner	Taylorsville R 5	R B McLeod	Taylorsville R 4	3	1000	9	2		7	1	2	88	118	206
Taylorsville	L P Gwaltney	Stony Point	J L Gwaltney	"	2	1000				10			34	56	90
Taylor Springs	R N Garner	Hunting Creek	H T Williams	New Hope	3	400	17	1		1			44	78	122
White Plains	J W Watts	Taylorsville R 1	C F Friday	Taylorsville	2	500	21	8					58	75	133
West Hickory	D W Pool	Stony Point	F S Miller	Hickory	1	700		2		2			7	13	20

TABLE II--FINANCIAL

CHURCH	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S.S. Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Relief	Other Objects	TOTAL
Antioch	$ 30 00		$ 8 00	$ 50		$ 1 10				$ 4 39	$ 2 00		$ 7 55	$ 53 54
Bethel	50 00		12 17		$ 4 50	1 15				8 65				76 47
Bethany						1 10				11 08	6 54			18 72
Bethlehem	75 00				2 00	70	$ 2 50			2 50	4 00			86 70
Beulah						1 00				1 50				2 50
Concord			10 00			1 16				4 70				15 86
Dover						60				2 00				2 60
Damascus	65 60			55 97	5 00	1 16	6 00			13 69	20 46		19 95	187 83
Hiddenite						50								50
Lebanon	43 00		10 00			1 25	3 25			37 55	10 25			105 30
Liledoun	90 00			11 90	18 25	1 00	10 00		$53 00	25 50	1 00			210 65
Linney's Grove	31 80		23 50			1 10	3 50			7 41				67 31
Little River						70				7 75				8 45
Macedonia			6 00			1 15					15 00			22 15
Mt. Olive	55 00	$143 36				75	3 35							202 46
Mt. Hermon	35 50			1 25		70	3 80			8 88		$7 00		57 13
Mt. Nebo	35 00	50 00				60				2 90	7 80			96 30
Pilgrim						85				5 00				5 85
Pleasant Grove	60 00	2 00		3 50		50				2 16			13 66	81 82
Pleasant Hill				4 51		1 00								5 51
Poplar Springs						1 00								1 00
Sulphur Springs				42 00		1 15				30 43	44 55		60 00	178 13
Stony Point	193 10	30 00				1 55	11 75	$ 6 83		13 17	6 45			262 85
Three Forks	41 20		10 48	5 00		1 45	3 69			10 48	3 67			75 97
Taylorsville		3 80	13 50	30 39		2 00		10 55		2 50	12 00			74 74
Taylor Springs					4 00	60				4 40				9 00
White Plains						75				4 74				5 49
West Hickory	22 00	290 00		7 72		50				1 46	1 00		38 23	360 91
	$827 20	$519 16	$93 65	$162 74	$33 75	$27 07	$47 84	$17 38	$53 00	$212 84	$134 72	$7 00	$139 39	$2275 74

TABLE III--SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCH	SUPERINTENDENT	POSTOFFICE	SECRETARY	POSTOFFICE	Number of Schools	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Church Members in S. S.	Months Kept Open	Baptisms from School	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Antioch	Grover Teague	Taylorsville R 4	Kate Keller	Taylorsville R 4	1	5	50	55	25	6	4	$ 50				$ 50
Bethel	L E Barnes	" R 3	J W Barnett	" R 3	1	5	70	75	40	5	7					
Bethany	E E Pool	Gilreath	Cora Moore	Gilreath	1	5	85	90		11		2 50		$ 6 54		9 04
Bethlehem	Wm W Teague	Bentley	E W Teague	Taylorsville R	2	10	70	80		3						
Concord	William Pierce	Stony Point	Clark Moose	Stony Point	1	5	60	65		3						
Damascus	N G Sloan	Statesville R 5	R N Sloan	Statesville R 5	1	5				10		55 97		9 16		65 13
Liledoun	J W Stafford	Taylorsville R 1	A E Watts	Taylorsville R 1	1	5	58	63	30	12	5	11 90				11 90
Mt. Herman	L C Echerd	" R 4	Clara McBride	" R 4	1	3	72	75	40	9	1	1 25				1 25
Mt. Nebo	T P Lackey	Stony Point	Otis Johnson	Stony Point	1	7	52	59	33	9	8					
Mt. Hebron	B S Kerley	Taylorsville			1	4	35	39								
Pilgrim	R Carson	Hiddenite	Maggie Query	Hiddenite	1	6	54	60								
Pleasant Grove	R E Levan	Stony Point	E F Levan	Stony Point	1	7	40	47	15	3	1	3 50				3 50
Pleasant Hill	Peter Daniel	Taylorsville	Lula Daniel	Taylorsville	1	5				12		4 51				4 51
Sulphur Springs	B F Patterson	Hiddenite	W C Lackey	Hiddenite	1	7	83	90		12		42 00				42 00
Stony Point	A L Watts	Stony Point	Ruby Pool	Stony Point	1	7						26 00		16 00		42 00
Three Forks	W S McLeod	Taylorsville R 4	L W Robinette	Taylorsville	1	7	90	97								
Taylorsville	A C Payne	"			1	7	105	112	38	12		30 39	$2 75	7 00		40 14
Taylor Springs	A H Shaver	New Hope	D L Williams	New Hope	1	6	60	66	30	6						
White Plains	Jno Blankenship	Hiddenite	H A Presley	Taylorsville	1	6	110	116	58	12						
West Hickory	F S Miller	Hickory	Myrtle Atwood	Hickory	1	5	63	68	13	12		7 72	1 40	1 00	$38 23	48 35
				Total	21	117	1157	1257	322		21	$186 24	$4 15	$39 70	$38 23	$268 32

HISTORICAL WORK.

By W. S. McLeod.

The present session of the Alexander Association has been one of more than ordinary interest. It was remarkable for the unanimity of spirit manifested by the members of the Association and also by the brethren and sisters of the church. All the discussions were of deep spiritual interest, and the general desire seemed to be to advance the Master's cause, not only in the immediate community, but in the whole earth.

MT. OLIVE CHURCH.

Mt. Olive Baptist Church was organized April 7th, 1865, by a Presbytery consisting of Elders Daniel Welborn, Jacob Crouch and Peter Tritt. It was first called "New Prospect," but was, on motion of Brother Isaiah Lowe, changed to "Mt. Olive."

The following is the church covenant adopted on organization:

Item 1st. We agree to meet to-gether once in every month, if not providentially hindered.

Item 2nd. And to carry out the ordinances of God's house.

Item 3rd. And that we will give of our means to support a faithful ministry among us.

Item 4th. We agree to observe strict Gospel Temperance.

Item 5th. And to support visiting brethren and friends in time of protracted meetings.

Item 6th. And to pray for each other and to do all we can to advance the cause of Christ.

From the organization of the church up to the year 1882 the records have been lost so that we have only an imperfect traditionary history. However a few facts are known that might be stated here. The first pastor was Peter Tritt who was followed by James Kerley. Then there was a space of some years that the church had no pastor. Following this I. W. Thomas and L. P. Gwaltney became co-pastors. Just how long any of these served is not known. Since January, 1882, the church has been served by the following pastors, to-wit: J. P. Gwaltney, C. C. Pool, W. J. Bumgarner, D. W. Pool, A. T. Perdue, G. Z. Bumgarner and E. V. Bumgarner, the present pastor.

The following brethren have been clerks since 1882: E. Tritt, J. W. Pharr and J. J. Lowe. By reference to the list of members the church has been prosperous, and has given off large numbers to help organize other churches.

She has evidently been very strict in discipline and has undoubtedly exercised a good influence in the community.

The first religious exercises held at this place were held under a brush arbor just North of the walnut trees standing South of the present house. The first house stood just South of the same trees. The present house was erected about twenty-three years ago or during the year 1892.

OBITUARIES.

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Martha M. Echerd was born Dec. 17th, 1852, and died June 27th, 1915. She was married to George C. Echerd in 1870. She was converted and joined Three Forks church about 1880 and lived a quiet, patient, Christian life, which should be, and we think is, a model to her husband and children who remain behind.

Delia Moore Gilreath, wife of Chas. G. Gilreath and daughter of Enos C. and Alcey Hendren Moore, was born October 7th, 1879, and died October 2nd, 1914. She professed religion and joined the Baptist church at the age of 12 years and lived a consistent Christian life to the end.

Sister Elizabeth Payne died June 27th, 1915. Aged 67 years, 3 months and 26 days. She joined Little River church when a young girl and afterward brought her letter to Three Forks. She was a humble, faithful Christian and leaves a husband, son and daughter to mourn her departure.

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PROCEEDINGS.

Pilgrim Baptist Church,
Thursday, Oct. 5th, 1916.

The thirtieth annual session of the Alexander Baptist Association met with Pilgrim church today.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. J. Bumgarner. Text: Luke 4:8.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder J. W. Watts.

Prayer by Elder J. P. Gwaltney.

Letters from the different churches were called for and Elder L. P. Gwaltney and Brother C. L. Millsaps were requested to read the same.

The following Messengers were enrolled:

Beulah—U. P. Wilson.
Taylorsville—A. C. Payne, G. C. Teague, T. O. Teague.
Three Forks—R. B. McLeod, B. M. Harrington, W. V. Watts.
Taylor Springs—H. T. Williams, A. H. Shaver.
Bethel—L. E. Barnes, J. S. Hendren, J. L. Childers.
White Plains—C. F. Friday, H. A. Childers, H. A. Presley.
Sulphur Springs—Z. B. Sharpe, Fuller Blankenship, B. F. Patterson.
Island Ford—R. L. Shoemaker, J. H. Hoke.
Mt. Olive—Roscoe Lowe, Prichard Davidson, Linney Laws.
Dover—Represented by letter.
West Hickory—Represented by letter.
Hiddenite—J. B. Leach.
Damascus—C. L. Millsaps, S. C. Johnson, R. D. Goodin.
Pilgrim—Robert Carson, B. F. Childers, J. M. Query.
Antioch—R. L. Downs, B. F. Austin, J. C. Blair.
Mt. Nebo—G. L. Steele, J. W. Morrison.
Macedonia—J. M. Fox, H. L. Warren, H. Christopher.

Pleasant Hill—J. W. Pharr, J. G. Deal, W. Z. Blackwelder.
Lebanon—W. J Bumgarner.
Liledoun—Represented by letter.
Stony Point—A. L. Watts, A. F. Sharpe.
Mt. Hermon—Represented by letter.
Bethany—W. R. Moore, J. E. Hendren, E. E. Pool.
Pleasant Grove—J. J. Levan, R. W. Levan, Roy Redmond.

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PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

On motion of Elder W. J. Bumgarner the old officers were re-elected by acclamation:

J. W. WATTS, Moderator.
R. L. DOWNS, Clerk.
A. L. WATTS, Treasurer.
W. S. McLEOD, Historian.

The Moderator then appointed the committees, to-wit:

Devotional Exercises—Pastor and Messengers of Pilgrim church.
Nominations—A. F. Sharpe, E. E. Pool, H. Christopher.
Digest of Church Letters—C. L. Millsaps, R. B. McLeod, Loyd Barnes.

The Constitution and by-laws of the Association were read by Elder L. P. Gwaltney.

The Clerk then presented a letter from Brother W. E. White asking questions concerning the organization and constitution of the Association. The matter was laid on the table.

Vacancies on standing committees were filled as follows:

Fundamental Doctrines—B. F. Austin.
Church and Pastoral Relations—J. P. Gwaltney.
Spirituality of the Churches—R. Lee Davis.
Missions—L. P. Gwaltney, D. W. Pool.
Sunday Schools—T. H. Williams.

The following order of business and religious exercises were adopted:

Prayer meeting at 9:30 A. M.
Business session at 10 A. M.
Sermon at 11 A. M.
Intermission.
Resume business at 1 P. M.
Adjourn at will.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported as follows:

Prayer meeting tomorrow morning conducted by Brother J. A. Abernethy.

Sermon by Elder B. F. Austin.

Adjourned with benediction by Elder D. W. Pool.

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FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Association met as per adjournment.

Prayer service conducted by Elder J. P. Gwaltney.

Minutes of previous day read and approved.

Delinquent churches were called for when letters from Bethlehem, Poplar Springs and Little River were presented and read and Messengers enrolled as follows:

Bethlehem—Charley Teague, Howard W. Fox.
Poplar Springs—Represented by letter.
Little River—Lee Robinett, Jesse Ellis, Robert Deal.

Visiting brethren being called for Elders W. T. Comer and N. M. Felts, of the Brier Creek Association, responded and were welcomed to seats by the Moderator.

Reports of Standing Committees were then called for and Elder L. P. Gwaltney submitted the report on Fundamental Doctrines. After being discussed by Elders L. P. Gwaltney, B. F. Austin and W. T. Comer it was adopted.

REPORT ON FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES.

Fundamental doctrines defined in the light of revelation and human experience are to Christianity what the blood is to life; hence the importance of anchoring firmly to them, especially in times of declensions and departures such as are felt today.

Are we anchoring to the ancient and time worn maxims that the Bible is the revealed will of God and our only rule of faith and practice as hedged in, as in 2nd Tim. 3:16-17, Deut. 4:2 and Rev. 22:18-19.

Do we accept it as complete and unalterable or is it not subjected now to tests—Geological, Psycological, Literary and Expediency?

Is it simply the background of a picture to be filled in by lines of human expediency?

This is the grave question of our day. Can we follow the simple rules outlined in the Word and expect to evangelize the world?

From the view point of worldly maxims and policies the answer is, NO. In the light of revelation and history, emphatically, YES.

Witness: Pentecost, Acts 2:5, Rom. 10:18. History, sacred and profane, attests this fact.

Your Committee would emphasize the importance of guarding with care vital Doctrines in their relation to each other: Instance, Repentance (a disposition of the heart) Reformation—a fruit of that tree, Confession of Christ—a sequence following a confession of our sins and accepting Him as our only Saviour. An inversion of these vital Doctrines is the greatest menace of our religious life today, deluding souls and filling our churches with unregenerate members. Who can tell what the end will be?

Submitted,

L. P. GWALTNEY, for Com.

Elder D. W. Pool read the report on Church and Pastoral Relations, which after being spoken to by Elders D. W. Pool and B. F. Austin and Brethren A. F. Sharpe, C. L. Millsaps and A. H. Shaver was adopted.

REPORT ON CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATIONS.

This relation ought to be maternal and tender. The true pastor has the good of his church heavily on his heart, to keep them in union and harmony—to indoctrinate and show them their duty to a lost world. Nothing cheers the pastor more than to know that he has the love and confidence of his flock. How may he know this? By them attending church, striving for peace, being burdened for lost sinners, willing to make sacrifices to help the preacher at home and abroad. These are some of the characteristics of the man who esteems his pastor.

D. W. POOL, for Com.

The hour having arrived for the sermon the congregation sang, "Take it to the Lord in prayer" and Elder B. F. Austin preached. Text, Rev. 1:20.

Closed with prayer by Elder G. Z. Bumgarner.

Intermission.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Brother William Moore.

Delinquent churches being again called for, Linney's Grove and Mt. Hebron presented letters which were read and Messengers enrolled as follows:

Linney's Grove—J. F. Baker, Z. W. Lackey, Arthur Millsaps.

Mt. Hebron—D. C. Clanton, Parks Kerley, Coat Laws.

Elder W. J. Bumgarner presented the report on Spirituality of the Churches. Pending its adoption speeches were made by Elders W. J. Bumgarner, B. F. Austin, R. Lee Davis and W. T. Comer. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON SPIRITUALITY OF THE CHURCHES.

It is a conceded fact that in our Southland there has been, in the last decade, a great decline in Spirituality among the Churches. In a private statement by Elder Livingstone Johnson while at the Association at Taylorsville—his opinion was that there had been a decline of 40 per cent among the churches of North Carolina during the last twelve or fifteen years. And he had a better right to know, perhaps, than any other man.

Then brethren why this decline? There is a cause. May it not be because we have turned aside from the legitimate work of the church to things not commanded in the word of God? That which is incidental, as Education, Schools and raising of money is now stressed as fundamental in the work of the Lord.

I want to quote from an article published in Charity and Children some time last year. It is headed "Germany's Pernicious Influence." "Germany is nominally a Christian nation but for the last fifty years her Universities have sent streams of doctrinal poison throughout the world." "Education has been fostered by the Empire and because the German people have been patrons of education their moral influences have widened with the years. And instead of standing by the Bible, her scholars have been trying to find flaws in it. They have developed a brood of higher critics whose business is to throw overboard every thing they cannot understand."

From Germany has proceeded most of the errors of the past generation and we have felt its influence sadly in our Southland. Are not our people coming on in the footsteps of Germany?

Let us awake to the danger and watch zealously every seeming departure from God's word. But while guarding against these dangers, brethren, is there not danger of swinging to the other extreme and failing to do our duty in sustaining the Gospel at home and abroad?

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. BUMGARNER,
B. F. AUSTIN, } Com.

The report on Duties to the Poor was submitted by Brother A. F. Sharpe, and after being discussed by Brother A. F. Sharpe and Elder T. H. Williams was adopted.

REPORT ON DUTIES TO THE POOR.

"The poor ye have with you, always," comes ringing down the ages and bids us open our eyes to see their needs and seeing go quietly and freely to their aid. "He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord." We recommend that our churches give once a month to our poor at Thomasville Orphanage, and look well to those near our homes.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. SHARPE, for Com.

A collection was then taken for the Thomasville Orphanage amounting to $13.18.

It was ordered that the Treasurer be allowed to file his report with the Clerk of the Association.

The Historian then submitted matter concerning the history of Pilgrim church.

The Committee on devotional exercises reports:

Prayer service tomorrow morning conducted by Brother J. C. Blair. Sermon by Elder G. Z. Bumgarner.

Adjourned with prayer by Brother A. F. Sharpe.

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SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Met as per adjournment.

Prayer meeting conducted by Brother J. C. Blair.

Minutes of previous day read and approved.

The report on Temperance was read by Elder G. Z. Bumgarner and after being discussed by Elders G. Z. Bumgarner, D. W. Pool and W. J. Bumgarner was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, rejoice that we are living in the day when the slogan of our Country, our State and each local Community is, "The betterment of the people" both socially and morally. The effort is to eliminate everything inimical to the welfare of the human family. This will require a long time and patient agitation before the great masses of our people shall be willing to engage with all their might in this great struggle against the evils that are stalking at noontide in our Country.

One among the greatest evils, we might truthfully say, the greatest is strong drink. It slays directly and indirectly each year more than the most bloody wars, it not only slays, but cripples and incapacitates

the moderate drinker.

God's word condemns strong drink and drunkeness with no uncertain sound, but we are glad that our Churches, our Communities, our State and our Country are aroused as to the woeful results of strong drink.

We thank God for a Ministry in our Association who in season and out of season denounce strong drink and strive to win the drunkard from his course of ruin.

We, therefore, would urge upon our churches and people to use every legitimate means of stamping the fearful curse out of our community.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. PAYNE,
G. Z. BUMGARNER } Com.

The report on Missions was submitted by Elder R. Lee Davis and pending its adoption speeches were made by Elders R. Lee Davis and L. P. Gwaltney. Report was adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," was given primarily to the disciples or preachers. Christ had just said, "All power is given unto me," and closes the command by the assurance, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world." And while God uses his people, as he did the ravens to feed Elijah, the command is, "Go and I will be with thee," and we are not to doubt his power to keep us.

He does not say he will always provide comforts, or even keep his missionaries from suffering, but we see the very reverse—these very disciples were persecuted from city to city, suffering and destitute; but God's power is manifest in converts wherever they go. God's plan of evangelizing the world is the same always, and he would have us depend on him alone today, both at home and on the foreign field; and what is lacking in our support is to be provided as Paul did, Acts 20:34-35, 1st Thess. 1:9, 2nd Thess. 3:8-9.—Laboring with his own hands. Also, instance some of our greatest modern missionaries, as Carey, Yates, Crawford, who not only supported themselves; but contributed to the support of others after they were cut off from the home support.

When the world is at last brought to Christ it will be done by this same class of self sacrificing men, both native and foreign, who will feel as Paul did, Woe is me if I preach not the gospel, whether they are supported or not.

God's command to preach the gospel does not carry with it, anywhere, the idea of literary teaching; as was so expressed in a recent publication and we believe he never contemplated this modern plan of

evangelizing the world by a system of schools. Let us go back to his own plan and send men who will preach the simple gospel and depend on the Spirit alone for power.

While the command, "Go," is a contract alone between God and his missionary there is another contract existing between God and his people and what has been said in the foregoing does not lessen, in any sense, the duty of his people to contribute to the support of his missionaries; yet we are in danger today of thinking of this as a contract between the people and the missionary. In this mistaken conception of the commission lies the great danger of modern missions today.

Respectfully submitted,

R. LEE DAVIS,
D. W. POOL,
L. P. GWALTNEY, } Com.

The hour for the sermon having arrived the congregation sang: "Send out the Gospel," and Elder G. Z. Bumgarner preached. Text, Matthew 18:35.

Closed with benediction by Elder L. P. Gwaltney.

Intermission.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

Prayer by Brother J. A. Abernethy.

The report on Sunday Schools being called for Elder T. H. Williams read last year's report which after being discussed by Elders T. H. Williams and J. W. Pharr was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

A Sunday School, in its true sense, is an associated effort on the part of Christians to promote God's Kingdom, in the hearts of men, by the study of his revealed will.

It is the assimilation of its vital principles into our entire spiritual existence, and consequently makes us "wise unto salvation."

The results already attained are vast, even beyond our comprehension, and future possibilities are unlimited.

The question for us to decide, and decide right now, is not whether it will be a success, but whether we will have any hand in the work; whether we will have any sheaves to lay at the Master's feet or simply be idle spectators at the great and crowning day.

W. E. WHITE.

The report on Nominations was read by Brother E. E. Pool.

Elder D. W. Pool moved to amend the report so as to suspend the alphabetical order of assigning the Association, thereby allowing it to meet with Mt. Hermon church next year.

The amendment was adopted and report adopted as amended.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

The Committee on Nominations beg leave to submit the following report:

Fundamental Doctrines—R. Lee Davis, G. Z. Bumgarner, J. W. Pharr.

Church and Pastoral Relations—E. V. Bumgarner, J. P. Gwaltney, J. W. Watts.

Spirituality of the Churches—B. F. Austin, L. P. Gwaltney, J. A. White.

Duties to the Poor—W. J. Bumgarner, A. C. Payne, J. B. Echerd.

Temperance—W. W. Teague, W. T. Comer, S. C. Johnson.

Missions—T. H. Williams, D. W. Pool, J. M. Fortner.

Sunday Schools—A. F. Sharpe, J. A. White, C. L. Millsaps.

MESSENGERS TO ASSOCIATIONS.

Brier Creek—L. P. Gwaltney, D. W. Pool.
Caldwell—W. S. McLeod, W. J. Bumgarner.
South Yadkin—R. Lee Davis, A. F. Sharpe.
State Convention—J. A. White.
Southern Baptist Convention—J. W. Watts.

Time of next meeting—Thursday before second Sunday in October, 1917.

Place—Mt. Hermon.

To preach introductory sermon—E. V. Bumgarner. Alternate—B. F. Austin.

E. E. POOL,
A. F. SHARPE,
H. CHRISTOPHER, } Com.

The Clerk then read the report on Digest of Church Letters, which had been handed him by the Committee. The report was adopted.

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

We find that twenty-nine churches of this Association report a total membership of 4,283, a gain of 373.

Baptisms 228. Received by letter 124. Restored 45. Died 44. Dismissed by letter 90. Fellowship withdrawn 19.

Contributions: Foreign Missions $239.96. State Missions $7.50. Orphanage $162.25. Home missions $24.50. Ministerial Aid $86.81. Poor $16.15. Building and Repairs $481.29. Incidentals $156.04.

Sixteen churches, combined, report $886.37 for Pastor's Salary.

Minute Fund $26.75.

Twenty-one churches report Sunday Schools with a total membership of 1,653.

Eight of the above schools are open the whole year.

R B. McLEOD,)
R. T. LOWE,) Com.

Reports from Correspondents being called for Elder D. W. Pool reported attending the Brier Creek Association and Elder J. W. Watts the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Clerk was ordered to have 600 copies of Minutes printed and distributed.

The thanks of the Association was unanimously voted to the good people of the community for their kindness and hospitality during the meeting.

On motion of Elder J. P. Gwaltney the thanks of the Association was also tendered the officers for courteous and efficient service during the session.

A collection amounting to $3.50 was taken to augment Minute fund.

On motion of Elder D. W. Pool a collection for Foreign Missions was ordered Sunday morning.

Elder J. W. Watts then made a verbal report on the Mission work in which he is engaged in the Catawba River section of the Association.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported as follows:

Prayer meeting to-morrow at 10 A. M., conducted by Brother J. A. Abernethy.

Sermon at 11 A. M. by Elder J. W. Watts.

After an old fashioned hand shake the session closed with benediction by Elder J. P. Gwaltney.

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SUNDAY.

The Devotional Exercises, Sunday morning, were opened

with an impressive prayer meeting conducted by Brother J. A. Abernethy.

At 11 o'clock, after a delightful song service by the congregation and prayer by Elder G. Z. Bumgarner, Elder J. W. Watts preached a strong and earnest sermon from the text: Acts 8:29-30.

Collection for Foreign Missions $16.40.

Closed with benediction by Elder D. W. Pool.

J. W. WATTS, Moderator.

R. L. DOWNS, Clerk.

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The letter from Concord Church was received by the Clerk after the Association had adjourned.

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REPORT OF TREASURER.

	Foreign Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Orphanage	Total	
Oct. 12, 1915, Balance	$142 45		$12 70	$19 70	$174 85	
Received of Antioch	2 00				2 00	
" " Bethel	8 40				8 40	
" " Bethany	12 00			5 84	17 84	
" " Bethlehem	3 55				3 55	
" " Beulah		$5 00			5 00	
" " Concord	2 15				2 15	
" " Damascus	10 54				10 54	
" " Dover				1 75	1 75	
" " Hiddenite	4 50				4 50	
" " Island Ford						
" " Lebanon	32 02				32 02	
" " Liledoun	75 00				75 00	
" " Linney's Grove	8 36				8 36	
" " Little River	14 25				14 25	
" " Macedonia	4 14			3 84	7 98	
" " Mt. Olive						
" " Mt. Hermon	5 19				5 19	
" " Mt. Nebo	3 00				3 00	
" " Mt. Hebron	3 24				3 24	
" " Pilgrim	5 00				5 00	
" " Pleasant Grove	2 20				2 20	
" " Poplar Springs						
" " Pleasant Hill	7 26				7 26	
" " Sulphur Springs	31 83			10 00	41 83	
" " Stony Point	28 85				28 85	
" " Three Forks	11 53				11 53	
" " Taylorsville						
" " Taylor Springs	9 58				9 58	
" " White Plains	2 36			2 35	4 71	
" " West Hickory						
Association Collections	16 40			13 43	19 83	
	$445 80	$5 00	$12 70	$56 71	$520 41	

By check	T. L. Blalock		$167 46
" "	T. L. Blalock		147 00
" "	J. W. Watts		12 70
" "	M. L. Kesler, Orphanage	350 70	23 54
By Balance on hands Oct. 10th, 1916		$169 71	$350 70

A. L. WATTS, Treasurer.

TABLE 1--STATISTICAL

CHURCH	PASTOR	POSTOFFICE	CLERK	POSTOFFICE	Time of Preaching	Value of Church Property	GAINS			LOSSES			Number of Males	Number of Females	Total Membership
							By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death			
Antioch	G Z Bumgarner	Taylorsville R 5	R L Downs	Taylorsville R 4	1	$ 1200	7	1	1	9		4	136	186	319
Bethel	J W Watts	Taylorsville	L E Barnes	Taylorsville R 3	3		9	1	1	11	4	4	99	118	217
Bethany	R Lee Davis	Hiddenite	E E Pool	Gilreath	1	300	7	2		4		1	107	105	212
Bethlehem	W J Bumgarner	Taylorsville R 5	Wm W Teague	Bentley	4	500	21	2	1	7		3	72	134	206
Beulah	B F Austin	Taylorsville R 4	U P Wilson	Taylorsville	3		16	1				1	22	32	54
Concord	W J Bumgarner	Taylorsville R 5	W C Pierce	Stony Point	1	400	5			2		1	47	73	120
Dover	B F Austin	Taylorsville R 4	W D Mooney	Taylorsville R 4	4	500	19			2		1	62	74	136
Damascus	D W Pool	Stony Point	C L Millsaps	Statesville R 5	1	1200	10	4		5	5	2	100	120	220
Hiddenite	L P Gwaltney	Stony Point	J B Leach	Hiddenite	3	500		2					13	11	24
Island Ford	J G Weatherman	Jennings	T A Stewart	Stony Point	1		4		1	1		1	24	24	48
Lebanon	E V Bumgarner	Taylorsville R 5	G W Bumgarner	Taylorsville R 5	4	400	6	6	3	5		4	47	70	117
Liledoun	L P Gwaltney	Stony Point	A E Watts	Taylorsville	4			2		1			64	85	149
Linney's Grove	J W Watts	Taylorsville	J F Baker	Hiddenite R 1	3		5	2				4	55	70	125
Little River	B F Austin	Taylorsville R 4	N C Deal	Taylorsville R 5	1		2	1		4		2	51	69	120
Macedonia	J W Watts	Taylorsville	J M Fox	Taylorsville	4	600	9	1	1	2	5	1	74	132	206
Mt. Olive	E V Bumgarner	Taylorsville R 5	J J Lowe	East Fruitland	3	1000	14	2	1	4		1	62	92	154
Mt. Hermon	L P Gwaltney	Stony Point	P E Johnson	Taylorsville R 4	4	800	1	2		1	2		34	56	90
Mt. Nebo	J W Watts	Taylorsville	G L Steele	Stony Point	2	850				6	1		48	56	104
Mt. Hebron	E V Bumgarner	Taylorsville R 5	J P Crouch	Taylorsville	3	800		28				1	38	34	72
Pilgrim	N M Felts	Jennings	J M Query	Hiddenite	4	800	5			3		1	89	88	177
Pleasant Grove	T H Williams	New Hope	R E Levan	Hiddenite	3	600	5	4		2			34	32	66
Pleasant Hill	D W Pool	Stony Point	J W Pharr	Taylorsville	3	500	6	5	1	5	1		35	70	105
Poplar Springs	B F Austin	Taylorsville R 4	J F Robinett	Taylorsville R 5	2		3			3			55	96	151
Sulphur Springs	L P Gwaltney	Stony Point	B F Patterson	Hiddenite	3	1000		3		2		5	67	115	182
Stony Point	L P Gwaltney	Stony Point	A W White	Stony Point	1	1500		11		8			55	71	126
Three Forks	W J Bumgarner	Taylorsville R 5	R B McLeod	Taylorsville R 4	3	1000		4		2		4	85	129	214
Taylorsville	L P Gwaltney	Stony Point	J L Gwaltney	Taylorsville	2	1000	16	4		1		2	38	72	110
Taylor Springs	W T Comer	New Castle	H T Williams	New Hope	3	400	14	1	1	1		1	56	82	138
White Plains	J W Watts	Taylorsville	C F Friday	Taylorsville	2	500	6	7		1		1	64	81	145
West Hickory	G L Hodge	Hickory	E S Miller	Hickory	2	800	46	25					36	59	95

TABLE II--FINANCIAL

CHURCH	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S.S. Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Relief	Other Objects	TOTAL
Antioch	$ 34 00		$ 23 00	$ 3 00		$ 1 40			$ 2 00	$ 2 25			$ 54 65
Bethel	51 30	$ 26 75	12 69			1 30			4 40				96 44
Bethany		100 00				1 05			12 00	5 84			118 89
Bethlehem	75 00		20 50	3 90		1 52							100 92
Beulah				12 00		1 00			5 00	2 00			20 00
Concord						75			2 15				2 90
Dover	21 46				$ 4 00	50				4 75	$12 00		42 71
Damascus	75 00			9 00		1 50			25 69	20 74	5 00	$20 71	157 64
Hiddenite	50 00	50 00	5 00	7 90		1 00			4 50	10 00			128 40
Island Ford						25							25
Lebanon	51 00					1 60			32 02	8 90		10 00	101 92
Liledoun	75 00		4 00	11 90	24 25	1 00		$20 00	35 00				171 15
Linney's Grove	50 00		15 00			1 00			7 36				73 36
Little River	21 41				5 15	75			16 25	5 45	8 70		57 71
Macedonia			11 35	8 45		1 45							34 25
Mt. Olive		25 00	15 00			1 25				16 00			57 25
Mt. Hermon	30 00			11 30		50			2 17			12 00	55 97
Mt. Nebo						65			3 00	6 00			9 65
Mt. Hebron	22 00	90 00				65			3 24			14 95	130 84
Pilgrim						1 10			5 00				6 10
Pleasant Grove	50 00			1 10		50			2 20	3 50	11 50	19 65	88 45
Pleasant Hill				2 25		1 20				3 27			6 72
Poplar Springs						60				2 80			3 40
Sulphur Springs	75 00		20 00	36 45		1 25			31 83	35 09			199 62
Stony Point	154 40		9 00	27 00		1 15			28 85	28 91			249 31
Three Forks	56 50	130 00				1 35			11 52	3 50			202 87
Taylorsville			18 75	57 38		2 35	$ 7 50		2 50	5 00			93 48
Taylor Springs					7 00	80		4 50	5 08				17 38
White Plains						80			2 35				3 15
West Hickory	34 30	60 54	75	7 00		50						10 00	113 09

TABLE III--SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCH	SUPERINTENDENT	POSTOFFICE	SECRETARY	POSTOFFICE	Number of Schools	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total enrollment	Church Members in S. S.	Months Kept Open	Baptisms from School	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Antioch	Grover Teague	Taylorsville R 4	Kate Keller	Taylorsville R 4	1	7	98	105	53	9	1	$ 3 00				$ 3 00
Bethel	L E Barnes	Taylorsville R 3	J W Barnett	Taylorsville R 3	1	4	65	69	39	4	4					
Bethany	C E Hendren	Gilreath	Cora Moore	Gilreath	1	5	70	75	50	11						
Bethlehem	T G Teague	Granite Falls R 3	J L Cline	Taylorsville R 6	1	5	78	83		6	4	3 90				3 90
Beulah	U P Wilson	Taylorsville	Dewey Edwards	Taylorsville	1	9	109	118		12		12 00				12 00
Concord	J S Carrigan	Stony Point	J W Gant	Taylorsville	1	7	55	62		6						
Dover																
Damascus	C L Millsaps	Statesville R 5	I A McLain	Statesville R 5	1	5	65	70		10	8	9 00		$ 8 24		17 24
Hiddenite	J W Hendren	Hiddenite	S F Cook	Hiddenite	1	7	50	57	25	12		7 90		10 00	$2 00	19 90
Island Ford																
Lebanon	J M Fortner	Taylorsville R 5	J C Fortner	Taylorsville R 5	1	8	70	78		6						
Liledoun	J W Stafford	Taylorsville R 1			1	5	69	74		12		11 90				11 90
Linney's Grove	C L Stevenson	Hiddenite R 1	Blanche Lackey	Hiddenite R 1	1	6	44	50			4					
Little River																
Macedonia	Carl Moose	Taylorsville	Carl Watts	Taylorsville	1	7	83	90	28	8		8 45				8 45
Mt. Olive																
Mt. Hermon	W S McLeod	Taylorsville R 4	W C Watts	Taylorsville R 4	2											
	J B Echerd	Taylorsville R 4	W F Milstead	Taylorsville R 4		10	108	118		10		11 30				11 30
Mt. Nebo	C O Pierce	Stony Point	L J Payne	Hiddenite	1	8	51	61	26	9						
Mt. Hebron																
Pilgrim	G Mayberry	Gilreath	Ethel Patterson	Hiddenite	1	5	55	60	24	4	2					
Pleasant Grove	R E Levan	Stony Point	J B Levan	Stony Point	1	6	25	31	18	4	2	1 00				1 00
Pleasant Hill	Peter Daniel	Taylorsville	Lula Daniel	Taylorsville	1	5	45	50		9	1	2 25				2 25
Poplar Springs																
Sulphur Springs	B F Patterson	Hiddenite	W C Lackey	Hiddenite	1	7	45	52		12		36 45				36 45
Stony Point	A L Watts	Stony Point	Minnie Foy	Stony Point	1	7	84	91		12		27 00				27 00
Three Forks																
Taylorsville	A C Payne	Taylorsville			1	7	136	143	66	12		36 19	$2 75	18 44		57 38
Taylor Springs	A H Shaver	New Hope	C C Redmon	New Hope	1	7	68	75	30	9						

HISTORICAL WORK.

By W. S. McLeod

This, the thirtieth session of the Alexander Association, was largely attended by a quiet, attentive and appreciative audience. The work of the Association was harmonious and all speeches were of a high order, endeavoring to lift the people to a higher Christian life and a more efficient service.

PILGRIM CHURCH.

This Church is situated in the Northeastern part of Alexander County near the Iredell and Wilkes County lines. It was first called "Big Spring" Church. When the church decided to meet at the present place, old brother ——— Barker, who gave the lot on which the house stands, when asked by what name it should be called said: "By souls, call it Pilgrim." (This expression is traditionary.)

The first record is dated: Saturday before the fifth Lord's day in April, 1837. There, doubtless, were earlier records but if so they are lost. There is no mention in the present records of the organization of the church.

The first mentioned preacher is Elder E. M. Chafin, of Lincoln County, followed by different ones, W. J. Chappel, Wm. Goforth, Wm. Swanson, Wm. Garner, Zachariah Adams, etc.

The first recorded call to the pastorate is Elder Wm. Pool about the close of the civil war.

The church has been served at different times by the following brethren: C. C. Pool, W. A. Pool, J. P. Gwaltney, L. P. Gwaltney, D. W. Pool, W. T. Comer, J. M. Current, J. G. Weatherman and J. G. Horn. The present pastor is N. M. Felts.

The first mentioned Clerk is Robert G. Martin, who served from 1837 till 1854. He recorded the texts from which the preacher talked.

J. H. Younger was Clerk till 1862. D. M. Mayberry from 1863 till 1889. Then J. M. Query till the present time.

These Clerks have been faithful and have kept a complete record. Except during a short while in time of the war there is hardly a missing link in the records.

The influence of this church has been great. It gave us W. R. Gwaltney and his brother Jay P. Gwaltney who was baptized September the 18th, 1858.

The following are the Articles of Faith of Pilgrim Church:

Art. 1st. We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired; that it is a perfect rule of faith and practice, and that among other things it teaches the following important truths: That there is only one living and true God, infinite in every nature and moral excellence.

Art. 2nd. That he has revealed himself as the Father and as the Son

and as the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in divine power or qualities.

Art. 3rd. That man was holy, but that by wilfully violating the law of his maker, he fell from that estate.

Art. 4th. That by nature there is no holiness but that we are all inclined to evil, and in Adam we all have sinned, and all are the children of wrath, justly exposed to death, temporal, spiritual and eternal.

Art. 5th. That the only way of salvation from a state of guilt and condemnation is through the righteousness of Jesus Christ, the Lord.

Art. 6th. That Christ miraculously assumed our nature without sin, or became incarnate for the suffering of death and whom God hath set apart to be a propitiation through faith in his blood.

Art. 7th. That all who are brought to repentance and faith were chosen in Christ before the world began.

Art. 8th. That in consequence, not of our own merit, but of God's own purpose and grace, the Holy Ghost performs the work of regeneration in our hearts.

Art. 9th. That the only proper subjects for baptism are true believers.

Art. 10th. That the only scriptural mode of baptism is by immersion.

Art. 11th. That baptism is a prerequisite to communion at the Lord's Supper.

Art. 12th. That nothing can separate true believers from the love of God.

Art. 13th. That the sure and final proof of our being true believers consists in our persistent continuance in well doing.

Art. 14th. That the Lord's supper is to be kept up in his church till the end of time.

Art. 15th. That the first day of the week is to be observed as the Lord's Day or Sabbath.

Art. 16th. That there will be a general resurrection of the dead both of the just and of the unjust.

Art. 17th. That Christ shall come in the end of time to judge the world.

Art. 18th. That the wicked shall go away into torment, which shall be everlasting.

Art. 19th. That the righteous shall go away into everlasting life.

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Since the above was written we have received a letter from Brother L E. Barnes, Clerk of Bethel Church, which throws some additional light on the early history of Pilgrim. It seems that "Big Springs" was originally an arm of Bethel, and the records of that church show that at the October meeting 1836, a number of brethren and sisters asked for letters of dismission, to go into a new organization at Big Springs, Wredell County. The letters were granted and some time between the above date and April, 1837, the church was organized and later removed to Pilgrim, the present site.

OBITUARIES.

Sister Matilda Watts, wife of the late John Watts, was born Jan. 5th, 1826 and died March 14th, 1916, aged 90 years, 2 months and 9 days. She joined Little River church at about the age of twenty years and was baptized by Elder Smith Ferguson. At the time of her death she was a member of Three Forks church. She was faithful in all her Christian duties, as Christian, as wife, as mother, as neighbor and as friend.

Dearest loved one, we have laid thee
In the cold grave's embrace,
But thy memory will be cherished
Till we see thy heavenly face.

Sister Anna Echerd, wife of Brother H. F Echerd, was born April 14th, 1827 and died Nov. 9th, 1915. She joined Little River church in early life, was baptized by Elder Smith Ferguson and died a member of Mt. Hermon church. She, with 37 others, was excluded from Little River because of a difference of opinion over the temperance question. She then went into the organization of Taylorsville church. Later she went to Liberty Grove. When that went down she joined in the organization of Three Forks, then at Mt. Hermon. In that way she had been a charter member of four different churches. She was the mother of nine children, six boys and three girls. She, with her husband, have left behind them a goodly heritage in their noble family.

Brother Zeb V. Milstead was born Sept. 24th, 1877 and died April 24th, 1916. He was a member of Three Forks church.

Brother H. Frank Wagner was born April 23rd, 1860 and died Sept. 18th, 1916. He professed a hope in Christ in August, 1893, and became a member of Bethlehem Baptist church. He lived a faithful Christian life, reading his Bible almost every day, and in many other ways showing by his daily life that he had been with Jesus.

Brother Jeremiah M. Fox was born August 29th, 1848. Died August 3rd, 1916. He professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ when 17 years of age and joined Bethlehem Baptist Church several years later, and remained a faithful Christian till death.

Brother William Bowles died June 25th, 1916. He was one of the charter members of Linney's Grove Church. He was a consistent Christian—always at his post. We feel that he has "fought a good fight" and is now in the glory land.

Sister Lester Smith was born June 20th, 1900 and died July 17th, 1916. She professed faith in Christ and joined the church when quite young and lived a consistent Christian to the end.

Sister L. L. Smith was born August 14th, 1861 and died August 10th, 1916. She professed religion and joined the church in 1903. We feel that she is now gone to meet her Saviour whom she served so faithfully.

Sister A. Martha Smith was born Oct. 20th, 1850 and died Sept. 3rd, 1916. She joined the church and was baptized in 1904 and lived a faithful Christian to the end.

Brother James M. Teague was born Oct. 11th, 1859, died ———. Brother Teague married a Lavina Teague Sept., 1885. He professed faith in Christ and joined the Baptist Church at Bethlehem. For convenience in baptism he was baptized at Antioch Baptist Church. Brother Teague died in the full triumph of the Christian faith. He leaves a wife, four sons, three daughters, one sister and three brothers to mourn their loss. In his death his wife has lost a true husband, his children an affectionate father and the church a sincere member and the community a loyal citizen. Right blessed are the dead that die in the Lord.

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PROCEEDINGS

Mt. Hermon Baptist Church,
Thursday, Oct. 11th, 1917.

The thirty-first annual session of the Alexander Baptist Association convened with Mt. Hermon church today.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder E. V. Bumgarner. Text: Col. 2:8-9.

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Afternoon Session

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Elder W. C. Meadows.

Letters from the various churches were called for and Elders L. P. Gwaltney and T. H. Williams were asked to read them.

The following Messengers were then enrolled:

Mt. Hebron—J. S. Stephenson.
Pilgrim—J. P. Hendren, Lester Query.
Pleasant Hill—J. W. Pharr, J. M. Deal.
Mt. Hermon—P. E. Johnson, L. C. Echerd, J. C. Johnson.
Bethany—E E. Pool, J. D. Pool.
Antioch—R. L. Downs, W. E. White.
Three Forks—J. M. Jones, R. B. McLeod.
White Plains—W. C. Kerley.
Liledoun—W. P. Jenkins, Luther Austin, Lawrence Stafford.
Sulphur Springs—J. Will Lackey, W. L. Hines.
Dover—W. D. Mooney, J. R. Pennell.
Bethel—E. J. Hendren, F. G. Barnett.
Taylor Springs—T. H. Williams, Lester Younger.
Taylorsville—A. C. Payne, J. G. Harrington, T. O. Teague.
Concord—F. L. Gryder.
Beulah—Represented by letter.
Macedonia—J. M. Fox, G. W. Thompson.

Permanent Organization

On motion of Elder D. W. Pool the following officers were elected by acclamation:

J. W. WATTS, Moderator.
R. L. DOWNS, Clerk.
E. E. LACKEY, Treasurer.
W. S. McLEOD, Historian.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees, to-wit:

Devotional Exercises—Pastor and Messengers of Mt. Hermon church.

Nominations—J. G. Harrington, E. E. Pool, J M. Fortner.

Digest of Church Letters—W. E. White, John Pharr, J. P. Hendren.

Visiting brethren were called for and the following responded and accepted seats with the Association:

J. M. Shaver, of the Caldwell Association.
J. L. Teague, South Yadkin Association.
W. C. Meadows, Brushy Mountain Association.
C. J. Thompson, Raleigh, N. C.
J. A. Abernethy, Liberty Association.

The reading of Constitution and By-laws was dispensed with.

Vacancies on standing committees were filled as follows:

Church and Pastoral Relations—W. C. Meadows.
Temperance—J. L. Teague.

The following order of business and religious exercises was adopted:

Prayer meeting at 9:30 A. M.
Business session at 10 A. M.
Sermon at 11 A. M.
Intermission.
Resume business at 1 P. M.
Adjourn at will.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported as follows:

Prayer meeting tomorrow morning conducted by Brother J. A. Abernethy.

Sermon by Elder J. L. Teague.

Closed with prayer by Elder J. L. Teague.

Friday Morning Session

Met as per adjournment.

Prayer service conducted by Brother J. A. Abernethy.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

On a call for delinquent churches, letters were presented nd read and Messengers enrolled as follows:

Damascus—A. A. Leach, S. C. Johnson, Ralph Millsaps.
Stony Point—A. F. Sharpe, S. Grose, D. M. Mayberry.
Pleasant Grove—Bryant Levan.
Lebanon—J. M. Fortner, W. J. Bumgarner.

Reports of standing committees being called for Elder R. Lee Davis submitted the report on Fundamental Doc- rines, and after being discussed by Elder R. Lee Davis and Brother J. W. Pharr was adopted.

REPORT ON FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES.

The body of Christ, like the human body, has its vital principles, nd can no more exist without them than our bodies can live without heir vital organs.

The preacher or evangelist who does not proclaim the old fundamental octrines of, conviction that makes man see himself a sinner, repent- ace that gives him a godly sorrow for sin, a faith that brings joy and surance of his acceptance by his God, and a regeneration that makes m a new creature and not merely a reformed sinner, is witholding the ry vitals of the Christain life from the world, and has either no vital ligion himself or is blinded by the selfish desire to have a great num- r profess Christ whether they have been really born again or not.

Let us never forget that man is a great sinner, but without con- ction by the Holy Spirit he will never realize this, and without his ading will never repent or have a godly sorrow for sin, and without e Spirit's power can never exercise a faith that saves, which is clearly he gift of God," Eph. 2:8, or have a regeneration that changes his ry nature, "old things are passed away; behold, all things are become w," 2nd Cor. 5:17.

These fundamental doctrines are the very life blood of Christianity, t in the great zeal of modern evangalism we are in very grave danger substituting man made ways for the deep abiding work of the Holy irit and are depending more on the power of eloquence and excite- nt to move men than on the power of the Spirit.

The result is a church full of unregenerated members, who are lly deluded into the belief that they are saved, and like Paul before conversion, "Live in all good conscience before God," Acts 23:1, o 26:9.

"Having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof," 2nd Tim. 3:5.

Respectfully submitted,

R. LEE DAVIS,
J. W. PHARR, } Com.

Elder C. J. Thompson, of Raleigh, then spoke in the interest of the Biblical Recorder.

The hour having arrived for the sermon the choir sang: "Glory to His Name" and Elder J. L. Teague preached. Text, Jeremiah 6:16-17.

Intermission.

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Afternoon Session

Prayer by Elder M. L. Kesler.

Elder W. J. Bumgarner then read the report on Duties to the Poor.

Visiting brethern being invited Brother E. L. Middleton, Sunday School secretary of the Baptist State Convention, and Elder M. L. Kesler of the Thomaville Orphanage, responded and were welcomed to seats by the Moderator.

The pending subject: Duties to the Poor, was then discussed by Elders M. L. Kesler and R. Lee Davis. Report adopted.

DUTIES TO THE POOR.

There is no duty that is more emphasized in the Word of God than that of caring for the poor. In Deut. 15:11 we have this statement: "For the poor shall never cease out of thy land: therefore I command thee, saying: Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother, to thy poor and to thy needy in thy land." And the Master said: "The poor ye have always with you and whensoever ye will ye may do them good."

Job, of whom the Almighty said: "There is none in the earth like him, a man that feareth God and escheweth evil," said: "I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him. The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me; and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy. I was eyes to the blind and feet was I to the lame. I was a father to the poor: and the cause which I knew not I sought out." And the Psalmist said: "He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord, and I will repay him again, saith the Lord."

Now, we have a large number of these needy ones at the Thomas-

ville Orphanage. The brethren have wisely inaugurated the plan of asking for at least one day's wages or income from each individual Christain. This plan has worked well for the last two years, and we commend it to our brethren and would urge that our people respond liberally to this call.

Respectfully submitted,
W. J. BUMGARNER, }
JNO. B. ECHERD, } Com.

A collection for the Thomasville Orphanage was then taken amounting to $15.35.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by Brother A. F. Sharpe, which after being discussed by Brother E. L. Middleton was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Nothing is more important than teaching a knowledge of the word of God to the youth of our country. This teaching is neglected in the home. Then where shall it be done?

There is a greater increase in scholars than efficiency in teaching. We believe every church should have Sunday School 52 times a year.

Respectfully submitted,
A. F. SHARPE, for Com.

The retiring Treasurer, Brother A. L. Watts, asked to be allowed to be allowed to file his report with the Clerk after the adjournment of the Association. Request granted.

The Committee on devotional exercises reported:

Prayer service tomorrow morning conducted by Elder B. F. Austin. Sermon by Elder W. C. Meadows.

Closed with prayer by Elder C. J. Thompson.

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Saturday Morning Session

Met as per adjournment.

Prayer meeting conducted by Elder B. F. Austin.

Minutes of previous day read and approved.

Letters from the following churches were read and Messengers enrolled as follows:

Poplar Springs—Butler Chapman, David Barnes, Dewey Brookshire.

Linney's Grove—W. W. McLain, C. L. Stevenson, J. S. Bowles.

The report on Church and Pastoral Relations was sub-

mitted by Elder W. C. Meadows. Pending its adoption speeches were made by Elders W. C. Meadows and J. P. Gwaltney. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON CHRCH AND PASTORAL RELATIONS.

The relation between pastor and church is very tender because the pastor is called of God, Acts, 20:28, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." This relation is also compared that of the father and mother for their children. See 1st Thess., 2:7-11, especially in verse 9, as a mother travails in pain for her children, so is the labor of the true pastor for his flock and in verse 11 he is to comfort and charge them as a father does his children. See 2nd Cor. 12:14. See the contrast between the false and true shepherd.

Mal. 1:7-10, the priest would not even shut a door or kindle a fire without pay. Also John 10:12, where the false shepherd is represented as a hireling and when the wolf cometh he fleeth because the sheep are not his own. This relation must be felt and become reciprocal if the pastor and church are to accomplish what the Lord intended they should. See 1st Cor. 9:11-19. Here this mutual relation is sustained. The pastor is to do his duty and the church is to see that he is supported.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. MEADOWS,
J. P. GWALTNEY, } Com.

On an invitation to visitors Brethren E. P. McRary and J. L. McLeod, of the Caldwell Association, responded and were welcomed to seats by the Moderator.

On a last call for delinquent churches, letters were presented and read and Messengers enrolled as follows:

Mt. Olive—R. B. Lowe, H. S. Deal, R. C. Davis.
Mt. Nebo—Beach Blankenship, Ray Burgess, G. L. Steele.
Little River—Robert Deal, John Deal, T. Z. Webster.
Hiddenite—J. C. Thomas, J. B. Leach, S. F. Cook.
Bethlehem—Represented by letter.

Elder T. H. Williams presented the report on Missions which after being spoken to by Elders T. H. Williams, D. W. Pool and W. C. Meadows was adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Just before our Lord and Master was received up into heaven, his parting final command to his disciples was: "Go ye into all the world

and preach the gospel to every creature and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." This meant not only the disciples then, but all that God would call, down to the end of time. And then He declared that all power was in his hands both in heaven and earth. The command then is, Go, and I will go with you. Go where? "Say not ye, there are four months and then cometh harvest." "Behold I say, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, they are white already to harvest."

Go how? "Behold I send you forth as lambs among wolves." "Be ye wise as serpents and harmless as doves." Go depending upon God. Provide for yourselves neither gold nor silver, neither take two coats." Go in the power of God. "Tarry yet at Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high." Why go? Because God has commanded to go. Go because it is God's ordained plan for the salvation of the world.

It pleased God through the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. For there is no respect of persons with God. For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law. For when the Gentiles which have not the law do by nature the things contained in the law these having not the law are a law unto themselves, which show the works of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another.

We would earnestly recommend that the churches continue to give to the support of Bro. Blalock.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. WILLIAMS,
D. W. POOL,
J. M. FORTNER, } Com.

The time for the sermon having come, the choir sang: "Winning Brings Reward," and Elder W. C. Meadows preached. Text: John 3:14-15.

Intermission.

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Afternoon Session

Prayer by Brother C. F. Friday.

Elder B. F. Austin submitted the report on Spirituality of the Churches which after being discussed by Elders B. F. Austin and L. P. Gwaltney was adopted.

REPORT ON SPIRITUALITY OF THE CHURCHES.

We now have in hand one of the most vital doctrines that pertain to the Kingdom of our blessed Lord.

First, we notice it is certainly on the decline. We can see from a ten years observation it is not what it once was.

If you were to ask a man that was living a half century ago, Is spirituality what it was then? his answer almost invariably would be: Had I been absent from the scene fifty years I would not recognize this country as being the same Why has this decline come? Is it not that we have left the doctrines and commandments of the Bible and are teaching the commandments of men? If this be true it does not leave the Spirit anything to do, which will ultimately fill the churches with unregenerate members which will serve as dead branches that will sooner or later have to pruned out by the hand of God. And have we not made merchandise of the gospel?

The prophets prophecy falsely and the priests bare rule by their means and my people love to have it so. And what will ye do in the end thereof? (Jer. 3:31.) Brethren, shall we make bad matters worse by adding sin unto sin, or shall we heed the admonition of the prophet: (Jer. 6:16,) "Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls."

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. AUSTIN, for Com.

The report on Temperance was read by the Clerk and after being discussed by Elder D. W. Pool was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance is the moderate use of all things necessary and the total abstinence from all things harmful or unnecessary. We may be intemperate in almost anything—in eating, in drinking and various other things too tedious to mention.

The basis of the discussions on temperance in our Association has been almost entirely that of drinking alcoholic liquors and this, as all intelligent people will admit, opens up a large field for discussion.

But there is another great evil and one which, in all probability, is the equal, if not the superior, in evil tendencies to strong drink. We have reference to the use of tobacco in its various forms and especially that of cigarettes.

This latter paragraph we feel sure is a step in advance in a temperance report before this body and one which comes very close home to most of us and one which we feel is almost, if not altogether, as important for the betterment of our young people and possibly our old, as the former—that of strong drink.

We earnestly request that all teachers and preachers in the Association discourage the use of it in their schools and congregations.

Respectfully submitted,

S. C. JOHNSON, for Com.

The report on Nominations was read by Brother J. G. Harrington and adopted without discussion.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

The Committee on Nominations beg leave to submit the following report:

Fundamental Doctrines—E. V. Bumgarner, L. P. Gwaltney, B. F. Austin.

Church and Pastoral Relations—J. A. White, J. P. Gwaltney, A. C. Payne.

Spirituality of the Churches—R. Lee Davis, G. Z. Bumgarner, S. C. Johnson.

Duties to the Poor—A. C. Payne, J. W. Watts, J. M. Fortner.

Temperance—A. F. Sharpe, E. V. Bumgarner, T. H. Williams.

Missions—W. J. Bumgarner, D. W. Pool, W. W. Teague.

Sunday Schools—W. E. White, J. W. Pharr, W. T. Comer.

MESSENGERS TO ASSOCIATIONS.

Brier Creek—D. W. Pool, T. H. Williams.
Caldwell—R. L. Downs, B. F. Austin.
South Yadkin—W. T. Comer, R. Lee Davis.
State Convention—L. P. Gwaltney, J. W. Watts.
Southern Baptist Convention—J A. White, A. L. Watts.

Time of next meeting—Thursday before second Sunday in October, 1918.

Place—Sulphur Springs.

To preach introductory sermon—B. F. Austin. Alternate, J. A. Abernathy.

J. G. HARRINGTON,
J. M. FORTNER,
E. E. POOL, } Com.

In accordance with previous agreement the following report on Digest of Church Letters was filed with the Clerk after the Association had adjourned:

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

Membership, 4282. Given to Missions, $544.71; to Orphanage, $199.02. Total of Pastors Salaries, $1342.02. Number of Sunday Schools, 23. Total enrollment in Sunday Schools, 1694.

For more complete details see statistical tables compiled by the Clerk.

W. E. WHITE,
J. W. PHARR, } Com.

On a call for reports from Correspondents it was found

that none of the brethren attended the meetings to which they had been assigned.

The Clerk was ordered to have 600 copies of Minutes printed and distributed and to receive the usual fees.

On motion a collection, amounting to $2.80, was taken to augment Minute fund.

A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered by the Association to the good people of the community for their kindness and hospitality during the session.

Elder J. W. Watts made a brief report on the Mission work being done in the Catawba River section of the Association. On motion of Elder L. P. Gwaltney, the chair appointed the following committee to investigate and report on the advisability of establishing a church in that part of the county:

V. W. Teague, R. Lee Davis, A. F. Sharpe, Wallace Stafford, Alfred Stafford.

A collection for Foreign Missions was ordered Sunday morning.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported as follows:

Prayer meeting tomorrow at 10 A. M., conducted by Elder G. Z. Bumgarner.

Sermon at 11 A. M. by Elder D. W. Pool, followed by Elder J. P. Gwaltney.

The brethren then engaged in an old-fashioned hand shake and the session closed with prayer by Brother J. M. Fortner.

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Sunday

Devotional Exercises, Sunday morning, were opened with prayer meeting conducted by Elder G. Z. Bumgarner.

At 11 o'clock, after an appropriate song service and prayer by Elder G. Z. Bumgarner, Elder D. W. Pool preached an able sermon from the text: Nehemiah 6:3.

Elder J. P. Gwaltney then followed with a brief but earnest talk.

Collection for Foreign Missions, $17.10.
Closed with benediction by Elder D. W. Pool.

J. W. WATTS, Moderator.

R. L. DOWNS, Clerk.

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The church letter from West Hickory was received by the Clerk after the Association had adjourned.

	Foreign Mission	State Missions	Home Missions	Orphanage	Total	
Balance on hand Oct. 10, 1916	$131 34	$ 5 00	.....	$38 17	$169 51	.....
Received of Antioch	9 78	.....	.....	1 00	10 78	.....
" " Bethel	5 05	.....	.....	.....	5 05	.....
" " Bethany	10 28	.....	.....	2 83	13 11	.....
" " Bethlehem	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" " Beulah	5 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....
" " Concord	3 68	.....	.....	.....	3 68	.....
" " Damascus	24 70	.....	.....	.....	24 70	.....
" " Dover	2 50	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....
" " Hiddenite	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" " Island Ford	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" " Liledoun	103 76	.....	.....	.....	103 76	.....
" " Lebanon	38 99	.....	.....	2 00	40 99	.....
" " Linney's Grove	6 00	.....	.....	.....	6 00	.....
" " Little River	11 55	.....	.....	.....	11 55	.....
" " Macedonia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" " Mt. Olive	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" " Mt. Hermon	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" " Mt. Nebo	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" " Mt. Hebron	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" " Pilgrim	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" " Pleasant Grove	3 00	.....	.....	.....	3 00	.....
" " Poplar Springs	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....
" " Pleasant Hill	9 25	.....	.....	.....	9 25	.....
" " Sulphur Springs	31 56	.....	.....	5 00	36 56	.....
" " Stony Point	35 56	.....	.....	.....	35 56	.....
" " Three Forks	5 20	.....	.....	.....	5 20	.....
" " Taylorsville	5 00	5 00	.....	5 00	15 00	.....
" " Taylor Springs	8 00	.....	.....	.....	8 00	.....
" " White Plains	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" " West Hickory	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" " C. S. Holton	50 00	.....	.....	.....	50 00	.....
	$501 20	$10 00	.....	$49 00	$560 20	.....

CREDITS

By check to Rev. T. L. Blalock,	$159 34	
" " " " T. L. Blalock,	101 29	
" " " " M. L. Kesler, Orphanage,	34 17	
" " " " Walter Durham S. M.	5 00	
" " " " E. E. Lackey, Treas.,	$260 40	$560 20

Association collection for Orphanage, $15.35, turned over to Bro. M. L. Kesler.

This Oct. 13, 1917. A. L. WATTS, Ex-Treas.

Received of A. L. Watts, Ex-Treas.,	$260 40
" for Rev. T. L. Blalock:	
Mt. Olive,	6 75
Little River,	12 00
Antioch,	50
Bethlehem,	6 20
Association col.,	17 10
Total on hand,	$302 95

E. E. LACKEY, Treasurer.

TABLE I---STATISTICAL

CHURCH	PASTOR	POSTOFFICE	CLERK	POSTOFFICE	Time of Preaching	Value of Church Property	GAINS			LOSSES			Number of Males	Number of Females	Total Membership
							By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death			
Antioch	D W Pool	Stony Point	R L Downs	Taylorsville R. 4	2	$ 1200	7	...	.....	8	3	6	134	184	318
Bethel	J W Watts	Taylorsville	L E Barnes	Taylorsville R. 3	3	.....	2	...	.....	3	.....	3	99	114	213
Bethany	R Lee Davis	Hiddenite	E E Pool	Gilreath	1	300	2	2	.....	5	.....	1	104	106	210
Bethlehem	W J Bumgarner	Taylorsville R. 5	Wm W Teague	Bentley	4	500	7	...	.....	2	.....	1	71	137	208
Beulah	B F Austin	Taylorsville R. 4	W P Wilson	Taylorsville	3	.....	11	...	.....	...	...	...	27	39	66
Concord	W J Bumgarner	Taylorsville R. 5	F L Gryder	Taylorsville	1	400	3	2	.....	1	1	2	42	82	124
Dover	B F Austin	Taylorsville R. 4	W D Mooney	Taylorsville R. 4	4	500	14	...	.....	3	.....	1	71	75	146
Damascus	D W Pool	Stony Point	C L Millsaps	Statesville R. 5	1	1200	8	5	4	4	.....	1	104	127	231
Hiddenite	L P Gwaltney	Stony Point	J B Leach	Hiddenite	3	800	.....	1	.....	...	.....	...	14	11	25
*Island Ford	J G Weatherman	Jennings	T A Stewart	Stony Point	1	.....	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	24	24	48
Lebanon	E V Bumgarner	Taylorsville R. 5	G W Bumgarner	Taylorsville R. 5	4	500	11	1	.....	...	.....	1	52	76	128
Liledoun	L P Gwaltney	Stony Point	W P Jenkins	Taylorsville	4	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	...	64	84	148
Linney's Grove	J W Watts	Taylorsville	J F Baker	Hiddenite	3	1000	3	2	1	2	.....	2	57	70	127
Little River	J A Abernathy	Hiddenite	T Z Webster	Taylorsville	1	400	.....	...	.....	1	.....	1	50	67	117
Macedonia	J W Watts	Taylorsville	J M Fox	Taylorsville	4	600	4	...	.....	2	.....	2	75	134	209
Mt. Olive	E V Bumgarner	Taylorsville R. 5	J J Lowe	East Fruitland	3	1000	.....	...	.....	5	1	2	62	88	150
Mt. Hermon	L P Gwaltney	Stony Point	P E Johnson	Taylorsville R. 4	4	800	.....	1	.....	...	1	1	42	55	97
Mt. Nebo	J W Watts	Taylorsville	G L Steele	Stony Point	2	850	.....	1	.....	...	.....	...	48	59	107
Mt. Hebron	E V Bumgarner	Taylorsville	J B Goforth	Taylorsville	3	1000	12	1	.....	...	.....	1	34	51	85
Pilgrim	L E Bains	Taylorsville	J M Querry	Hiddenite	4	800	5	...	.....	7	.....	...	85	90	175
Pleasant Grove	T H Williams	New Hope	R E Levan	Stony Point	4	600	...	5	.....	2	.....	...	36	33	69
Pleasant Hill	D W Pool	Stony Point	J W Pharr	Taylorsville	3	500	.....	1	1	1	1	1	33	70	103
Poplar Springs	B F Austin	Taylorsville R. 4	J F Robinett	Taylorsville	2	.....	19	1	.....	6	1	...	63	100	163
Sulphur Springs	L P Gwaltney	Stony Point	B F Patterson	Hiddenite	3	1000	5	2	.....	...	.....	4	67	118	185
Stony Point	L P Gwaltney	Stony Point	A W White	Stony Point	1	1500	4	2	.....	4	.....	1	55	73	128
Three Forks	W J Bumgarner	Taylorsville	R B McLeod	Taylorsville R. 4	3	1000	50	3	3	2	2	1	124	143	267
Taylorsville	L P Gwaltney	Stony Point	A C Payne	Taylorsville	2	1000	5	1	.....	1	.....	1	43	78	121
Taylor Springs	W T Comer	New Castle	H T Williams	New Hope	3	400	4	2	1	...	.....	1	46	80	126
White Plains	J W Watts	Taylorsville	J L Campbell	Taylorsville	2	800	6	2	.....	...	.....	1	64	82	146
West Hickory	G L Hodge	Blowing Rock	F S Miller	Hickory	2	800	8	5	.....	2	.....	3	40	60	100
				Total		$18650	190	41	10	62	10	38	1820	2110	4240

* Statistics of 1916.

TABLE II---FINANCIAL

CHURCH	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Relief	Other Objects	TOTAL
Antioch	$ 50 00		$ 33 00			$ 1 00			$ 9 28	$ 4 62			$ 97 90
Bethel	52 00	$ 2 55	17 15			2 15			5 05				78 90
Bethany						1 30			10 58	7 42			19 30
Bethlehem	100 00			$ 3 00		1 50			12 30			$ 28 45	145 25
Beulah						1 00		$ 1 00					2 00
Concord	50 00		12 00	4 50	$ 1 60	90			3 68	3 01			75 69
Dover	30 00					1 00			2 50			19 00	52 50
Damascus	90 00			13 67		2 05			24 70	21 33		21 50	173 25
Hiddenite	50 00					75			3 11	15 00			68 86
Island Ford													
Lebanon	55 00		47 85			1 30		6 20	41 61	2 00			153 96
Liledoun	115 00			12 00	106 50	1 30		54 50	129 69	57 00			414 99
Linney's Grove	50 00					1 68			6 00				57 68
Little River						1 20			11 55				12 75
Macedonia		4 00	4 95	8 71		90							18 56
Mt. Olive	77 50					1 80			6 75				86 25
Mt. Hermon	49 02			5 96		1 04			2 17				58 11
Mt. Nebo						50							50
Mt. Hebron		20 00	5 00			82					6 95		32 77
Pilgrim			15 00			1 00							16 00
Pleasant Grove	50 00			2 50		50			3 60				56 60
Pleasant Hill						1 00			6 15				7 15
Poplar Springs						93							93
Sulphur Springs	100 00		16 00	33 89		1 15			29 45	33 84			214 33
Stony Point	176 00		20 00	28 35		1 55		51 80	35 56	47 00			360 26
Three Forks	79 00		7 00		51 19	2 70		2 25	10 33	2 80		46 75	202 02
Taylorsville			24 72	38 36		2 00	$5 00		5 00	5 00			70 80
Taylor Springs	30 00				10 00	80		40 00	9 50		5 00		95 30
White Plains				2 00		90							2 90
West Hickory	139 00	57 20	1 50	5 11		50							203 31
Total	$1342 52	$83 45	$204 17	$158 05	$169 29	$35 22	$5 00	$155 75	$368 56	$199 02	$11 95	$115 70	$2778 82

TABLE III---SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCH	SUPERINTENDENT	POSTOFFICE	SECRETARY	POSTOFFICE	No. of Schools	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total enrollment	Church Members in S. S.	Months Kept Open	Baptisms from School	School Expenses		Other Objects	Total Contributions
Antioch	W A Keller	Taylorsville R. 4			1	7	98	105	53	8					
Bethel	L E Barnes	Taylorsville R. 3	J W Barnette	Taylorsville R. 3	1	4	71	75	45	11	1				
Bethany	E C Moore	East Fruitland	Cora Moore	Gilreath	1	5	70	75		11					
Bethlehem	T Green Teague	Granite Falls R.	Jas Cline	Taylorsville R. 6	1	5	70	75	50	11					
Beulah	J R Vickers	Taylorsville	D S Watts	Taylorsville	1	6	60	66		12		$ 12 00			$ 12 00
Concord	J S Carrigan	Stony Point	J W Gant	Taylorsville	1	7	55	62		9	1				
Dover															
Damascus	C L Milsaps	Statesville R. 5	I A McLain	Statesville R. 5	1	4	65	70		12	7	13 67	$ 9 18		22 85
Hiddenite	J W Hendren	Hiddenite	Lucy Thomas	Hiddenite	1	5	69	74		12		25 12			25 12
Island Ford															
Lebanon	J M Fortner	Taylorsville R. 5	David Bumgarner	Taylorsville R. 5	1	5	60	65							
Liledoun	J W Stafford	Taylorsville	W P Jenkins	Taylorsville	1	5	90	100		12		12 00			12 00
Linney's Grove	C L Stevenson	Hiddenite	Garnet Linney	Hiddenite	1	3	86	89			2				
Little River															
Macedonia	W P Smith	Taylorsville	C W Watts	Taylorsville	1	5	169	174	35	9	1	10 03			10 03
Mt. Olive															
Mt. Hermon	L C Echerd	Taylorsville R. 4	A W Johnson	Taylorsville R. 4	2	9	93	122	60	10	4	5 96			5 96
Mt. Nebo	G L Steele	Stony Point	L Payne	Stony Point	1	7	80	87		6					
Mt. Hebron															
Pilgrim	R Carson	Hiddenite	Claud Fox	New Hope	1	4	51	55	26	5	4				
Pleasant Grove	Roy Redmond	Stony Point	E F Levan	Stony Point	1	5	30	35	21	8		2 50			0
Pleasant Hill															
Poplar Springs															
Sulphur Springs	B F Patterson	Hiddenite	Fuller Blankenship	Hiddenite	1	6	84	90		12	3	33 88	8 50		42 39
Stony Point	A L Watts	Stony Point	Clara Baker	Stony Point	1	7	129	136		12	4				
Three Forks	A B Carlton	Taylorsville R. 5	Gussie Chapman	Taylorsville R. 5	1	5	75	80	40	6	20			$3 00	3 00
Taylorsville	A C Payne	Taylorsville			1	7	112	119		12	5	28 36	5 00	5 00	38 36
Taylor Springs	Lester Younger	New Hope	C C Redmon	New Hope	1	7	68	75	30	6					
White Plains	J G Blankenship	Hiddenite	Bliss Chatham	Taylorsville	1	8	67	75		12	3	2 00			2 00
West Hickory	L L Lowdermilk	Brookford	E S Miller	Hickory	1										

HISTORICAL WORK

By W. S. McLeod

The present session of the Alexander Association was a success one in every sense of the word.

The weather was fine and attendance good while all the discussi were interesting and helpful. We feel that the Master's cause has b strengthened in our midst.

MOUNT HERMON CHURCH.

Mt. Hermon Baptist Church was organized Oct. 9, 1912, by a Pr bytery composed of Elders L. P. Gwaltney, J. P. Gwaltney, J. Watts, G. Z. Bumgarner and T. E. Redmond. J. P. Gwaltney w made Moderator, while R. L. Downs, Deacon, acted as Clerk to Presbytery.

The organization consisted of 72 charter members, 51 of whom ca from Three Forks Church, 11 from Liledoun, 8 from Antioch and 2 fr Lebanon.

Elder J. W. Watts was the first pastor. He served until Jan. 1 when Elder L. P. Gwaltney, the present pastor, was called.

P. E. Johnson has served as clerk of the church from its organi tion until the present,

The church seems to have prospered from the first and has ha good influence on the community in which it is situated.

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OBITUARIES

Sister Louiza Baker was born Sept. 22, 1832, died Oct. 30, 19 She professed faith in Christ and joined the church while quite you and lived a consistent Christian to the end. We feel she has gone meet her Saviour whom she delighted to serve.

Sister Louiza Lackey was born Sept. 17, 1832, died July — 19 She was a sister to Rev. J. P. Gwaltney. She joined the church wh youug—was a charter member of Linney's Grove Church. She lived faithful Christian to the end and is now gone to meet her Saviour a loved ones on the other shore.

Elizabeth (Betsy) Echerd, wife of brother George W. Echerd, bo Jan. 14th, 1844, died Aug. 17th 1917. She was a daughter of the la Jesse Pool, and a grand-daughter of Nathan Austin, who gave the la on which Antioch Church now stands.

She was a member of Mt. Hermon Church.

Bertha, oldest daughter of brother James Chapman and wife brother Thomas Ingram, born Oct. 24th, 1882, died May 10th, 1917. S joined Three Forks Church at about the age of fifteen years.

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An Explanation

Because of an epidemic of Spanish Influenza the Association failed to hold its regular annual session in 1918.

However, these minutes contain Treasurer's report and financial table for that year.

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List of Ordained Ministers

AUSTIN, B. F., ... R. 4, Taylorsville, N. C.

BUMGARNER, W. J., ... R. 5, Taylorsville, N. C

BUMGARNER, E. V., ... R. 5, Taylorsville, N. C.

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LINNEY, W. E., ... Wilkesboro, N. C.

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WILLIAMS, T. H., ... New Hope, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

Hiddenite, N. C.,
Thursday, Oct. 9th, 1919

The thirty-second annual session of the Alexander Baptist Association met with Sulphur Springs church today.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder B. F. Austin. Text: Isaiah 6: 9-10.

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Afternoon Session

In the absence of Moderator the Association was called to order by the Clerk.

Prayer by Elder T. H. Williams.

Letters from the different churches were called for and Brethern A. C. Payne and A. F. Sharpe were requested to read them.

The following Messengers were enrolled:

Taylorsville—A. C. Payne, Fred Harrington, J. L. Gwaltney.
West Hickory—Represented by letter.
Damascus—A. C. Jones, A. A. Leach, S. C. Johnson.
Stony Point—W. D. Mayberry, W. F. Baker, A. F. Sharpe.
Hiddenite—J. B. Leach, S. F. Cook, T. M. Kerley.
Macedonia—J. M. Fox, W. P. Smith, C. W. Watts.
Liledoun—J. W. Stafford, Will Jenkins.
Dover—M. S. Pennell.
Taylor Springs—T. H. Williams, J. W. Mayberry, J. P. Williams.
Sulphur Springs—B. F. Patterson, T. L. Blankenship, Pool Goodin.
White Plains—J. L. Campbell, Walter E. Adams, J. A. Robinett.
Beulah—U. P. Wilson, D. S. Watts.
Concord—D. B. Warren, Eli Matheson, F. L. Gryder.
Three Forks—W. F. Milstead, Partee Childers, J. A. Oxford.
Antioch—R. L. Downs, W. A. Hollar.
Pleasant Hill—F. S. Bowles, W. Z. Blackwelder, Peter Daniel.

Permanent Organization

On motion of Bro. A. C. Jones the following officers were elected by acclamation:

J. L. GWALTNEY, Moderator.
R. L. DOWNS, Clerk.
E. E. LACKEY, Treasurer.
R. L. DAVIS, Historian.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Devotional Exercises—Pastor and Messengers of Sulphur Springs church.

Nominations—A. F. Sharpe, D. W. Pool, B. F. Austin.

Digest of Church Letters—A. C. Payne, J. L. Campbell, A. C. Jones.

Vacancies on standing committees were filled as follows:

Church and Pastoral Relations—T. H. Williams.
Spirituality of the Churches—L. P. Gwaltney.

Visiting brethern being called for the following responded and were welcomed to seats by the Moderator: to wit:

Elder Walter N. Johnson, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention. Bro. T. M. Snow, Brier Creek Association.

Reading Constitution and by-laws was dispensed with and the time given to Rev. Walter N. Johnson who addressed the Association in interest of the Baptist 75 Million Campaign.

The following order of business was adopted:

Prayer Meeting 9:30 A. M.
Business Session 10 A. M.
Sermon 11 A. M.
Intermission.
Resume business at 1 P. M.
Adjourn at will.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported as follows:

Prayer meeting tomorrow morning conducted by Bro. T. M. Snow.
Sermon by Elder T. H. Williams.

Closed with prayer by Elder Walter N. Johnson.

Friday Morning Session

Met as per adjournment.

Prayer service conducted by Bro. T. M. Snow.

Minutes of previous day read and approved.

On a call for delinquent churches, letters were presented and read and Messengers enrolled as follows:

Linney's Grove—J. F. Baker, W. W. McLain, C. L. Stevenson.
Mt. Hermon—L. C. Echerd, J. C. Johnson, P. E. Johnson.
Pilgrim—J. M. Querry, W. R. Fox, R. M. Millsaps.
Mt. Nebo—G. L. Steele, C. S. Payne, Beach Blankenship.
Bethany—E. E. Pool, G. O. Moore, C. J. Hendren.
Pleasant Grove—J. I. W. Levan, J. B. Levan, J. B. Grant.

The Clerk was ordered to state briefly in present minutes the reason the Association failed to meet last year, also to insert Financial table of 1918.

On a call for visiting brethren Elder J. W. Rash, of the the Brier Creek Association, responded and accepted a seat in the Association.

The Moderator then called for reports of standing committees. Elder B. F. Austin read the report on Fundamental Doctrines, which after being discussed by Elders B. F. Austin and L. P. Gwaltney was adopted.

REPORT ON FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES.

The committee on fundamental doctrines have in the past given emphasis to the vital doctrines of conviction for sin, repentance and faith in Christ as a means for salvation.

We, your committee, would now urge our attention to the sequence of all this. Christianity is a life involving creative, pro-creative and resurrection power and not a mere cult.

The second fundamental to which we call attention is the local church, under Christ as its head. His building, His body, His family, His bride. The only ordained means for the evangelization of the world. If the church and ministry turn aside from the work of saving the lost they will have missed their legitimate work in the world.

Respectfully submitted,

L. P. GWALTNEY
B. F. AUSTIN } Com.

The hour having arrived for the sermon the choir sang: "A trusting faith," and Elder T. H. Williams preached on

the subject of "Faith."

Intermission.

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Afternoon Session

The following churches presented letters which were read and Messengers enrolled as follows:

Bethel—L. E. Barnes, J. L. Smith, J. W. Barnett.
Mt. Olive—J. Partee Russell, R. T. Lowe, C. E. Lowe.
Poplar Springs—Ed. Crouch, Butler Chapman.
Mt. Hebron—J. S. Stephenson, J. C. Clanton, J. W. Deal.
Little River—T. Z. Webster, N. C. Deal, Jno. T. Rogers.

Elder R. Lee Davis then read a paper on the Baptist 75 Million drive. Pending its adoption speeches were made by Elders D. W. Pool, W. J. Bumgarner, L. P. Gwaltney, J. W. Watts and Bro. T. M. Snow. It was adopted and ordered printed in the minutes at the expense of Eld. R. Lee Davis. (See last pages of minutes.)

Eld. T. H. Williams submitted the report on Church and Pastoral Relation.

After being spoken to by Elders T. H. Williams, J. P. Gwaltney, B. F. Austin, and Brethren A. C. Payne and A. F. Sharpe was adopted.

CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATIONS

The relation between pastor and church is a very tender one compared to that of father and mother to children: 1st. Thess. 2: 7-9-10 "But we were gentle among you even as a nurse cherishes her children * * * For ye remember brethren our labor and travail for you * * * As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you as a father doth his children."

It is also compared to the shepherd and his sheep. John 10:10-12.

This tender relation must be felt and sustained if the church and pastor are to accomplish what God intended.

In 1st. Cor.—9. Paul makes it plain.

The pastor is to do his duty and the church is to see to his support.

Respectfully submitted,
T. H. WILLIAMS, for Com.

Bro A. C. Payne presented the report on Duties to the Poor.

After remarks by Bro. A. C. Payne and Eld. J. W. Rash the report was adopted.

DUTIES TO THE POOR

"The poor you have with you always" is an injunction to us as Christians. Our duty in this connection can not be evaded if we live up to our obligation as church members. This duty is so well defined and known that a failure to perform it becomes gross negligence on our part.

Besides those near our door, we should not forget our duties to the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville. This institution appeals both to human sympathy and Christian charity for the support and uplifting of the needy and helpless.

Think what it means to have taken 1,500 children from the helpless condition of these orphans, and placing them under the Christian and educational influences of the Orphanage, training them for useful Christian citizenship, to say nothing of the possibilities of its future work.

Your committee would recommend that all our people contribute liberally to this object, feeling that bread cast upon the water in this way will return in due time as a great blessing to the Church, the State, the nation and to humanity, and ultimately add something to the glory of God.

Respectfully submitted,
A. C. PAYNE, }
J. W. WATTS, } Com.

A collection was then taken for the Thomasville Orphanage which amounted to $28.25.

The report on Temperance was read by Bro. A. F. Sharpe and after being discussed by Elders D. W. Pool and W. J. Bumgarner and Brethren A. F. Sharpe, A. C. Payne, T. M. Snow and J. L. Gwaltney was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

As churches, we have nothing to do with the liquor question. As individuals we are responsible for the making and sale of liquor in the thickets of this Association.

If the membership of the Baptist of this Association were total abstainers and would use their best efforts, public sentiment would soon force intemperance from our land and country.

"If eating meat cause my brother to sin, I will eat no meat."

Respectfully submitted,
T. H. WILLIAMS, }
A. F. SHARPE, } Com.

The committee on Devotional Exercises made the following report:

Sermon tonight at Hiddenite Baptist church by Eld. B. F. Austin.

Prayer service tomorrow morning conducted by Eld. D. W. Pool.

Sermon by Eld. J. W. Rash.

Closed with prayer by Eld. E. V. Bumgarner.

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Saturday Morning Session

Met as per adjournment.

Prayer meeting conducted by Eld. D. W. Pool.

Minutes of yesterday read and corrected.

Church letters were presented and read and Messengers enrolled as follows:

Lebanon—W. J. Bumgarner, E. V. Bumgarner.
Bethlehem—Represented by letter.

Eld. R. Lee Davis read the report on Spirituality of the churches, which, after being discussed by Eiders R. Lee Davis and L. P. Gwaltney was adopted.

REPORT ON THE SPIRITUALITY OF THE CHURCHES

The Spirituality of the church is only measured by the Spiritual life of the individual members composing the local church, and we deplore the fact that this Spiritual power is not what it once was, or what we may reasonably expect it to be. This Spirituality of the individual is so hard to understand by the world that it often mistakes the superficial signs for spiritual power and even the organized church may make the mistake of associating their temporal prosperity very closely with this spirit led State and like the church of the Laodiceans, Rev. 3:17, say "I am rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing and knowest not that thou art wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked." But the spirituality of the individual, and therefore of the church is the recognition of our utter helplessness and dependence upon the spirit for power. "Not by might nor by power but by my spirit sayeth the Lord of Hosts" Zech. 4:6. "He that shall humble himself shall be exalted." Mat. 23:12. Your committee, recognizing the dangers of today, of pride in our own wisdom and power would point the way to the source of that power in hum-

ble submission to God's will and dependence on the leading of his spirit and looking up to him with faith in his power, from the valley of humiliation, we shall be exalted. Not in our own estimation but by the manifestation of that power among us in the salvation of the lost and the joy that comes into every heart as we feel his blessed influence.

Respectfully submitted,
R. LEE DAVIS,
L. P. GWALTNEY, } Com.

The report on Missions was submitted by Eld. W. J. Bumgarner and spoken to by him.

The hour having arrived for the sermon, the discussion was suspended.

The congregation sang: "He loves me" and Eld. J. W. Rash preached. Text: Hebrews 9: 26-24-28.

Intermission.

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Afternoon Session

The Association resumed consideration of the pending subject: Missions.

After being further discussed by Elders T. H. Williams, R. Lee Davis, W. J. Bumgarner and Bro. W. E. White, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

The command of Jesus to preach the gospel to all the world, is as binding to his followers today as ever before. Just before he left his disciples, He said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world." This word teach is given broad latitude and is made to apply to all manner of secular teaching today, while we believe it should apply only to teach the plan of Salvation. If we make fundamentals out of incidentals, we need not expect God's sustaining presence with us. We now have four missionaries for China on the Independent or Gospel Mission plan. Bro. Charles Tedder and wife and wife's sister have recently gone to the field, and are occupying in the absence of Brother Blalock, who is now in this country trying with all his heart to stir up and interest the people in this work. We would urge that the people rally to this cause and

enlarge their contributions to this work. Also that we take at least quarterly collections for these missionaries, and see to it that they are amply supported while doing their God-given work.

Respectfully submitted,
W. J. BUMGARNER.

Bro. W. E. White read the 1917 report on Sunday Schools. After being discussed by Bro. W. E. White, Elders B. F. Austin, C. F. Friday, T. E. Payne and Brethren T. M. Snow and Charles Stevenson, it was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Nothing is more important than teaching a knowledge of the word of God to the youth of the country. This teaching is neglected in the home. Then where shall it be done?

There is a greater increase in scholars than efficiency in teaching.

We believe every church should have Sunday school 52 times a year.

Respectfully submitted,
W. E. WHITE.

Eld. B. F. Austin read the report on Nominations which was adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

The Committee on Nominations submit the following:

Fundamental Doctrines.—R. Lee Davis, J. P. Gwaltney and A. F. Sharpe.

Church and Pastoral Relations.—L. P. Gwaltney, J. A. White and T. E. Payne.

Spirituality of the Churches.—E. V. Bumgarner, C. F. Friday and V. W. Teague.

Duties to the Poor.—T. H. Williams, W. W. Teague and J. M. Fortner.

Temperance.—W. J. Bumgarner, A. C. Payne and W. E. White.

Missions.—J. W. Watts, T. E. Payne and L. E. Barnes.

Sunday Schools.—A. F. Sharpe, J. W. Pharr and Dr. Jno. Oxford.

MESSENGERS TO ASSOCIATIONS

Brier Creek.—D. W. Pool, T. H. Williams.

Caldwell.—R. L. Downs and W. A. Hollar.

South Yadkin.—R. Lee Davis and S. C. Johnson.

State Convention.—A. L. Watts and A. W. White.

Southern Baptist Convention.—J. A. White and A. F. Sharpe.

Time of next meeting.—Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in Oct. 1920.

Place.—Three Forks.

Introductory Sermon.—T. H. Williams. Alternate: T. E. Payne.

D. W. POOL, }
B. F. AUSTIN, } Com.

In accordance with previous arrangement the following report on Digest of Church Letters was filed with the Clerk:

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS

We find that twenty-nine churches of this Association report a total membership of 4,330, a gain of————?

Baptisms 162. Received by letter 33. Restored 5. Died 39. Dismissed by letter 59. Fellowship withdrawn 25.

Contributions: Foreign Missions $396.16. Orphanages $266.98. Home Missions $2.55. Ministerial Aid $222.02. Poor $203.29. Building and Repairs $5450.70. Incidentals $304.25.

Twenty-one churches combined report $1844.89 for Pastor's Salary. Christian Education $12.46. Revival helpers $36.00. Associational Missions $18.75. Minute Fund $48.50. Other objects $96.30. Eighteen churches report Sunday Schools with a total membership of 1,408. Sunday School expenses $263.05. Six of the above schools report open the whole year.

Total contributions for all purposes $9,165.90.

A. C. PAYNE, for the Committee.

Messengers to other Associations and Conventions being called on to report, it was found that Eld. T. H. Williams had attended the Brier Creek Association.

None of the others attended the meetings to which they had been assigned.

The Treasurer submitted his report for 1918, but not being ready to report for the year 1919 he was given time and ordered to make said report to the Executive Board of the Association.

On motion a collection, amounting to $4.00 was taken to augment minute fund.

Eld. T. H. Williams offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

Be it resolved that this body tender its thanks to the people of this community for the hospitable way in which they have entertained the Association. And also to the choir for the music rendered.

If good things to eat and kindness in manners are signs of Grace, this people have lots of it.

It was ordered that a collection for Foreign Missions be taken Sunday morning.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported as follows:

Sermon tonight at Hiddenite Baptist Church by Eld. T. H. Williams. Sermon tomorrow at 11 o'clock A. M. by W. J. Bumgarner.

Closed with prayer by Elder C. F. Friday.

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Sunday

Devotional Exercises opened Sunday morning with an appropriate song service.

Interesting and helpful speeches on the subject of Sunday Schools were made by Eld. D. W. Pool and Bro. J. L. Gwaltney.

At 11 o'clock Eld. W. J. Bumgarner preached an able sermon from the text: 1st. Cor. 9:22.

Collection for Foreign Missions $75.26.

Closed with benediction by Eld. D. W. Pool.

J. L. GWALTNEY, Moderator.

R. L. DOWNS, Clerk.

REPORT OF TREASURER

	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Home Missions	Total
Balance on hand Oct. 22, 1919,	$87 57	.....	.....	$87 57
Received of Antioch Church	16 90	.....	.....	16 90
" " Bethel	8 62	.....	.....	8 62
" " Bethany	73 71	4 13	.....	77 84
" " Bethlehem	6 70	2 00	.....	8 70
" " Damascus	33 35	.....	.....	33 35
" " Concord	4 50	.....	.....	4 50
" " Hiddenite	4 55	.....	.....	4 55
" " Three Forks	26 40	10 05	.....	36 45
" " Taylor Springs	4 25	6 50	.....	10 75
" " Liledoun	5 00	.....	.....	5 00
" " Mt. Hebron	4 15	.....	.....	4 15
" " Mt. Olive	23 09	.....	.....	23 09
" " Sulphur Springs	35 96	69 05	.....	105 01
" " Linney's Grove	32 04	.....	.....	32 04
" " Lebanon	41 00	.....	.....	41 00
" " Little River	8 90	.....	.....	8 90
" " Mt. Nebo	6 59	.....	.....	6 59
" " Pleasant Grove	3 00	.....	2 55	5 55
Association Collection for Orphanage	.....	28 25	.....	28 25
" " for T. L. Blalock	75 26	.....	.....	75 26
	501 54	119 98	2 55	624 07

By Checks to T. L. Blalock	$211 65
" " " Thomasville Orphanage	119 98
" Balance on hand	292 44
	$624 07

E. E. LACKEY, Treasurer.

TABLE I---STATISTICAL

CHURCH	PASTOR	POSTOFFICE	CLERK	POSTOFFICE	Time of Preaching	Value of Church Property	GAINS			LOSSES			Number of Males	Number of Females	Total Membership
							By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death			
Antioch	D. W. Pool	Stony Point	V. W. Teague Jr.	Taylorsville R. 4	2	$ 1200	14	...	.....	1	...	4	136	184	320
Bethel	L. E. Barnes	Taylorsville	L. E. Barnes	Taylorsville	2	.....	5	...	.....	3	...	.....	92	123	215
Bethany	R. Lee Davis	Hiddenite	E. E. Pool	Gilreath	1	.....	6	...	.....	3	12	2	88	106	194
Bethlehem	W.J. Bumgarner	Taylorsville R. 5	W. W. Teague	Bentley	1	500	11	...	.....	5	3	2	82	141	223
Beulah	C. F. Friday	Taylorsville	U. P. Wilson	Taylorsville	3	.....	15	3	.....	...	...	.....	20	41	61
Concord	T. E. Payne	Patterson	F. L. Gryder	Taylorsville	3	400	13	...	.....	2	...	1	43	94	137
Dover	B. F. Austin	Taylorsville R. 4	M. S. Pennell	Taylorsville R. 4	4	500	4	...	.....	3	2	.....	74	79	153
Damascus	D. W. Pool	Stony Point	C. L. Millsaps	Statesville R. 5	1	1200	4	...	1	6	1	.....	105	126	231
Hiddenite	E.V. Bumgarner	Taylorsville R. 5	J. B. Leach	Hiddenite	3	800	6	3	.....	...	...	.....	18	16	34
Island Ford	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	...	.....	...	...	.....	...	...	.....
Lebanon	B. F. Austin	Taylorsville R. 4	G. W. Bumgarner	Taylorsville R. 5	4	500	.....	...	.....	...	1	1	51	73	124
Liledoun	B. F. Austin	Taylorsville R. 4	W. P. Jenkins	Taylorsville	2	.....	.....	...	.....	...	...	.....	64	89	153
Linney's Grove	T. E. Payne	Patterson	J. F. Baker	Hiddenite	3	450	5	...	.....	...	...	1	60	71	131
Little River	F. C. Watts	Purlear	N. C. Deal Jr.	Taylorsville R. 5	1	500	.....	...	.....	4	1	3	46	72	118
Macedonia	B. F. Austin	Taylorsville R. 4	J. M. Fox	Taylorsville R.2	2	600	2	3	.....	3	...	3	72	134	206
Mt. Olive	F. C. Watts	Purlear	J. J. Lowe	Pore's Knob	3	1200	3	1	3	5	...	1	57	88	145
Mt. Hermon	B. F. Austin	Taylorsville R. 4	P. E. Johnson	Taylorsville R. 4	4	800	5	...	.....	...	...	1	41	61	102
Mt. Nebo	T. E. Payne	Patterson	G. L. Steele	Stony Point	1	850	9	...	1	...	1	1	51	58	109
Mt. Hebron	C. F. Friday	Taylorsville	J. S. Stephenson	Taylorsville	2	1000	5	...	.....	...	...	.....	...	...	85
Pilgrim	L. E. Barnes	Hiddenite	J. M. Querry	Hiddenite	4	800	.....	...	.....	1	...	2	84	89	173
Pleasant Grove	T. H. Williams	New Hope	J. I. W. L van	Stony Point	4	700	8	6	.....	4	...	1	35	44	79
Pleasant Hill	C. F. Friday	Taylorsville	F. S. Bowles	Taylorsville R. 3	3	800	.....	...	.....	1	...	.....	37	69	106
Poplar Springs	B.F. Austin	Taylorsville R. 4	J. F. Robinette	Taylorsville R. 5	2	.....	8	4	.....	2	...	.....	65	112	177
Sulphur Springs	E.V. Bumgarner	Taylorsville R.5	B. F. Patterson	Hiddenite	3	2000	2	...	.....	...	...	.....	66	121	187
Stony Point	E.V. Bumgarner	Taylorsville R. 5	A. W. White	Stony Point	1	1500	12	3	.....	5	1	1	59	70	129
Three Forks	W J. Bumgarner	Taylorsville R. 5	R. B. McLeod	Taylorsville R. 4	3	1000	.....	4	.....	2	...	5	120	142	262
Taylorsville	E.V. Bumgarner	Taylorsville R. 5	A. C. Payne	Taylorsville	2	6000	.....	1	.....	3	...	3	37	71	108
Taylor Springs	W. T. Comer	New Castle	H. T. Williams	New Hope	3	500	9	4	.....	1	...	3	49	80	129
White Plains	T. E. Payne	Patterson	J. L. Campbell	Taylorsville	1	500	10	1	.....	3	2	4	61	100	161
West Hickory	J. G. Horn	Statesville	F. S. Miller	Hickory	3					2	1		34	44	78

TABLE II---FINANCIAL---1918

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S.S. Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	Associational Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Christian Education	Ministers' Relief	Other Objects	TOTAL
Antioch	$ 111 62		$ 24 05	$ 6 25		$ 1 01			$ 12 11	$ 15 66				$ 171 70
Bethel	56 00		34 25			1 50			8 62					100 37
Bethany						1 40			22 86	14 50				38 76
Bethlehem	100 00					1 00			6 70	2 00			$ 30 00	139 70
Beulah	23 60			14 00		1 00			3 40	3 70				45 70
Concord	50 00					1 20			4 50				22 80	78 50
Dover	50 21		21 00		10 25	1 40				10 00				92 86
Damascus	100 25		7 50	11 00	10 60	1 50			33 25	18 94			23 05	206 09
Hiddenite	60 00	$6 00		39 52		90			3 75	8 00				118 17
Island Ford														
Lebanon						1 20			36 00					37 20
Liledoun	130 00			34 20		1 05			5 00	5 35				175 00
Linney's Grove	50 00					1 50			12 00					63 50
Little River														
Macedonia	75 00		15 45	8 82		1 00			3 65	8 10				111 92
Mt. Olive			30 00			1 35			12 15					43 50
Mt. Hermon	50 00			8 44								29 30		87 75
Mt. Nebo		5 00		2 00		75			3 25	3 00				14 00
Mt. Hebron	26 35	8 12				52			4 15				16 60	56 74
Pilgrim			30 00			1 05			5 00					36 05
Pleasant Grove														
Pleasant Hill			21 25			1 00			5 60					27 85
Poplar Springs	38 00					1 50				7 80				47 30
Sulphur Springs	75 00		18 00	30 00		1 00			47 02	30 51				201 53
Stony Point														
Three Forks	75 00					1 70			8 40	7 70			42 00	134 80
Taylorsville														
Taylor Springs	35 00					75			4 25	4 75		5 00	100 00	149 75
White Plains				5 31		1 33			6 00					12 64
West Hickory														

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Antioch	$ 110 60		$ 59 40	$ 7 25		$ 2 25			$ 16 90	$ 11 20				$ 207 60
Bethel		$ 3 10	22 60		$ 4 45	2 10			8 45					40 70
Bethany						2 45			59 63	19 84				81 92
Bethlehem	100 00		30 00	3 00	27 50	1 60			16 66	8 05				186 81
Beulah				16 00					6 48					22 48
Concord						1 40						$ 48 25		49 65
Dover	80 00		31 00		22 65	1 40								135 05
Damascus	110 00			9 00	17 50	2 10			33 87	16 65	$12 46		$ 36 00	237 58
Hiddenite	60 00	25 00		45 00	1 00	1 00	3 75			12 00				147 75
Island Ford														
Lebanon	90 00	133 00	33 00		12 00	2 00			71 00					341 00
Liledoun	165 40				64 79	1 40			85 00	312 05				628 64
Linney's Grove	60 00	32 40				1 60			16 61					110 61
Little River	30 00			3 00	10 20	1 00			18 90	8 56			16 00	87 66
Macedonia	51 00		40 00			1 40								92 40
Mt. Olive	86 30		34 00			1 50			17 43					139 23
Mt. Herman	54 29			6 55		1 25			5 40			20 04		87 13
Mt. Nebo			5 00	4 00	15 00	1 00			8 24				23 50	61 74
Mt. Hebron						50								50
Pilgrim						1 15			5 40					6 55
Pleasant Grove	50 00			6 75	2 20	1 70		2 55	3 00			40 85		107 05
Pleasant Hill						1 20			5 60			21 25		27 85
Poplar Springs	40 00				30 00	1 50								72 15
Sulphur Springs	150 00			25 00		2 15			35 96	69 05				282 06
Stony Point	224 00	200 00		110 59	20 00	6 00			45 40	35 40			51 80	693 19
Three Forks	101 35					2 20			27 80				47 16	178 51
Taylorsville	200 00	5000 00	44 25	65 59		3 00				15 00				5327 84
Taylor Springs	50 00					80			10 40	6 50		45 00		112 70
White Plains	64 00			3 00		1 80			6 08			44 02		118 90

TABLE III---SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCH	SUPERINTENDENT	POSTOFFICE	SECRETARY	POSTOFFICE	Number of Schools	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Months Kept Open	Church Members in S. S.	Baptisms from School	School Expenses	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Antioch	W. A. Hollar	Taylorsville R. 4	Clarence Keller	Taylorsville R. 4	1	4	80	84	9	36	9	$ 7 25			$ 7 25
Bethel	J. A. Campbell	Pore's Knob	S. C. Campbell	Taylorsville	1	4	66	70	4	46	1				
Bethany	J. E. Moore	Pore's Knob	Dora Hendren	Pore's Knob	1	5	50	65							
Bethlehem	W. W. Teague	Bentley	Clauda Teague	Bentley	2	5	120	125	6	15		3 00			3 00
Beulah	U. P. Wilson	Taylorsville	James Marley	Taylorsville	1	6	60	66	12		12	16 00			16 00
Concord															
Dover															
Damascus	W. J. Page	Statesville R. 5	I. A. McLain	Statesville R. 5	1	5						9 00			9 00
Hiddenite	J. B. Leach	Hiddenite	Bonnie Williams	Hiddenite	1	8	100	108	12	48	6	45 00			45 00
Island Ford															
Lebanon															
Liledoun															
Linney's Grove	Arthur Milsaps	Hiddenite R. 1	Juanita McLain	Hiddenite R. 1	1	3	90	93			4				
Little River	T. Z. Webster	Taylorsville R. 5	N. C. Deal, Jr.	Taylorsville R. 5	1	7	40	47	5	25		3 00			3 00
Macedonia															
Mt. Olive	R. C. Davis	Pore's Knob	Mazo Deal	Pore's Knob	1	5									
Mt. Hermon	L. C. Echerd	Taylorsville R. 4	W. C. Watts	Taylorsville R. 4	2	12	80	92	6		5	6 55			6 55
Mt. Nebo	J. T. Christopher	Stony Point	L. Z. Steele	Stony Point	1	7	68	75	6	34		4 00			4 00
Mt. Hebron	J. B. Goforth	Taylorsville			1	3	62	65	4		1				
Pilgrim	R. W. Fox	Hiddenite	Ada Carson	Hiddenite	1	4	42	46	4	20					
Pleasant Grove	R. L. Levan	Stony Point	Beulah Levan	Stony Point	1	7	71	78	9	30	4	6 75			6 75
Pleasant Hill															
Poplar Springs															
Sulphur Springs	B. F. Patterson	Hiddenite	John W. Hines	Hiddenite	1	5	75	80	12			21 00	$15 00		36 00
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Historical Work

SULPHUR SPRINGS CHURCH

Was organized on the third Saturday of October, 1867, by a presbytery consisting of Elds. James M. McNeill, J. Harvey West, J. B. Greene and R. L. Steele, with the following original members, to-wit: J. L. Davis, C. Drum, D. Clary, Miles Clary, Thos. Hudson, Sr., A. Lackey; and sisters M. E. Davis, L. Lackey, Louisa Lackey, Lina Hudson, Sarah Davis, Mary Durmire, N. E. Drum, D. C. Sharpe, N. M. Clary, Karen Clary, Adeline Hudson, Nancy Hudson, Susan Lackey, C. M. Lackey, Elizabeth Hudson and Jemima Hudson.

The Articles of Faith were the same as those of the Churches composing the United Baptist Association. Thomas Hudson and A. Lackey were chosen deacons, and J. L. Davis was elected church clerk.

The Pastorates of the church have been as follows: R. L. Steele from the organization to 3rd Saturday, September, 1868, then W. A. Pool until February, 1873, R. L. Steele again until December, 1873, then R. L. Steele and W. A. Pool jointly until Dec. 1874, R. L. Steele until September 1875, L. P. Gwaltney until September 1876, Geo. W. Greene until August, 1877, W. A. Pool until October, 1882, J. B. Marsh until February, 1884, J. P. Gwaltney until August, 1889, W. A. Pool until September, 1891, J. P. Gwaltney until Sept. 1902, D. W. Pool until Nov. 1912, J. P. Gwaltney until Sept. 1918, when E. V. Bumgarner was called who is still pastor. W. M. Lackey, Thos. Hudson, Jr., J. R. Gwaltney, J. N. Lackey, W. P. Ingram and S. G. Stout were ordained deacons; of these W. P. Ingram, S. G. Stout and Thos. B. Hudson removed their membership and W. M. Lackey, J. R. Gwaltney and J. N. Lackey, together with the two original deacons, have died. B. F. Patterson has been received as deacon by letter from another church, and Z. B. Sharpe, Vance Sharpe and Jerry Poovey have been ordained as deacons. All these are still deacons except Jerry Poovey who has removed to the West.

J. L. Davis served as clerk for 18 years and was succeeded by W. P. Ingram, who served until Feb. 1892, then W. J. Davis and B. Hines temporarily until May 1892, W. M. Lackey until May 1894, W. J. Davis until Oct. 1900, R. Lee Davis until Sept. 1903, when B. F. Patterson was elected, who still serves.

Elders J. P. Gwaltney, I. W. Thomas and R. Lee Davis have been ordained to the ministry in this church. The splendid edifice now used for worship was completed in 1886 some 200 yards south-west of the original one on a beautiful location.

Obituaries

His many friends were shocked to hear of the passing away of J. D. Smith at his home in Taylorsville on Christmas morning December 25th, 1918.

For quite awhile he had felt the disease gradually sapping his strength. He was treated by the best physicians the country afforded, even going West for a surgical operation, but only to return and linger in the shadows for a few weeks and then pass on.

Brother Smith was born near Linwood, Davidson County, June 3rd, 1861; joined the Baptist Church at the age of ten, moved to Wilkesboro when he was twenty years of age identifying himself with the church and its work. He was elected and ordained a deacon of the Wilkesboro Baptist Church and also Superintendent of the Sunday School. In 1908 he moved to Taylorsville and at once engaged in the work of his master, being elected Superintendent of the Taylorsville Baptist Sunday School which position he held for several years.

Sister Molly P. McLeod, wife of Bro. R. B. McLeod. Born Oct. 3rd 1892, died Dec. 11th, 1918; joined Antioch Church when about thirteen years of age. After her marriage she brought her letter to Three Forks church. She leaves a husband and three little boys behind. She was faithful in all her several relations. Proverbs 31.10-11 is true of her.

Bro. J. C. Herman born Nov. 23, 1858, died Oct. 9, 1918. Joined Three Forks church Sept. 1886. Elected sheriff of Alexander County and served one term; declined a second election. He left a wife and two sons to mourn his death. As a son, husband, father, neighbor, public officer and Christian he was a faitful servant of God. Well done.

Sister Lida L. Moose, wife of Bro. J. Lee Moose, born Nov. 25, 1890, died March 14, 1918. Joined Three Forks church Aug. 1905 . She left a husband and four children. She was a good woman in all that the word implies.

Elizabath Lenear was called to rest on August 9, 1919. She had passed her four score years, was a faithful, true and consistent member of the Baptist church. The church has lost an humble and devoted member, a loving mother, sister and pattern. And her Christian walk and conversation is pointing the way to the heavenly home and reflecting a light on the way for those coming on.

Report on the 75 Million Drive

"Be not ye called Rabbi, for one is your master even Christ and all ye are brethren." Mat. 23: 8.

This vital principle of our Lord's teaching is the very bed rock upon which Christ planted the Christian church but today it is in very grave danger of being forgotten, or rather disregarded in the great zeal of Christian men and women to carry the gospel into all the world in a short time.

A few of our leaders have decided on a certain plan, the central idea of which is money and education, and are bringing great pressure to bear upon God's people in this great so called "drive" for millions, some of them even forgetting Christ's words "All ye are brethren" and calling their brethren "slackers" "traitors" and even worse simply because their brethren could not see their Lord's leading in this drive for money and education. We sincerely hope this spirit is not general among our Baptist leaders; as it could mean but one thing, the forsaking of religious freedom and return to persecution. We believe our zeal for the kingdom must be guided by God's word and any plan or means not based on this is dangerous.

Paul says of his own people "I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge For they being ignorant of God's righteousness and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God". Rom. 10. 2-3.

Having left God's plain commands just a little we are left alone by his Holy Spirit to work out our own man made plans; but basing our efforts on his word and depending on the leading of his spirit we will have infinitely more power in the salvation of the world, and though we may not have the apparant success other plans might bring to us we dare not substitute our own ideals though based, as we believe, on "consecrated common sense" God's word is perfect and sufficient "All scripture is given by inspiration." 2 Tim. 3-16 and verse 17 says: "That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Not a back ground for man to fill in his own ideas: but the perfected plan of God for the salvation of the world in all ages.

The first step in the salvation of the world is God called men.

Christ says: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into his harvest", Lu. 10-

and in the provision for their support he says ver. 4 "Carry neither purse nor scrip" teaching them by this that the first duty of the God called man is obedience to that call even to the extent of disregarding where his daily bread ("scrip") or means of support ("purse") may come from; but having heard the call he forgets everything else except the word "Go" and depends on the promise "I will be with you" to provide all things which may be necessary for him to carry out the command. Neither going like the mendicants as beggars nor with the assurance of men that they will stand behind him; but as a man called of God, and looking to him alone for support, they are "chargeable to no man" 2nd Cor. 11-9 and like Paul says to the elders from Ephesus, Acts 20-34 "Ministering to their own necessities" they show the world by example "How that so laboring ye ought to support the weak and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus how he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive". Acts 20-35 and yet in the carrying out of the great command to "go" they did not always by any means have ample support or even protection for Paul writing to the Corinthians 2nd Cor. 11-23-27 tells of his sufferings of "stripes, prisons, perils, weariness, painfulness, hunger, thirst, cold and nakedness" but even glories in them ver. 18 and in 12-10 he says: "Therefore I take pleasure in infirmaties, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake for when I am weak then am I strong" again in Rom. 5-3 he says "We glory in tribulation, also knowing that tribulation worketh patience" etc.

Now from all this we learn two great truths first that God does allow his servants to even suffer but second out of their very suffering he gets great glory, because suffering drives a true servant of God closer to him and makes him more dependent on him and the leading of his spirit and the fact is brought home to the world that God's minister who will suffer and yet be faithful has a higher motive than his own interests.

In this we see the wisdom of God's way in laying the salvation of the world absolutely on the man called and he becomes directly responsible to God alone in carrying out the command and to no other agency except the local church which alone has the authority to send him forth, Acts, 13:2, God has appointed means for his support but this can in no way modify the great commission he has received.

The church today is facing the very opposite of the above facts and men are placing their greatest dependence on

money and earthly wisdom for the salvation of the world and while we hear men here and there asking God for labourers, this petition is drowned in the louder call for money and Christian education, disregarding the thing of primal importance and that these last agencies will take care of themselves, when God calls self-sacrificing men to the work.

Why should we think that God has changed his plan for the saving of the world? His minister certainly has a far easier task before him than did Paul; but shall he, because there are so many now able to help, wait until they are willing to provide a comfortable support for him, or shall he not rather say with Paul, "Woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel," 1 Cor. 9:16, and being directly responsible to God he is a free man, among men, and need call no man master. But on the contrary where our efforts are planned from any other source than the local church there can be no freedom in our efforts for the salvation of the world: but all we can do is to try and carry out the orders of our masters, in which not one per cent of the church has had any voice.

There is no question of the individual Christian's responsibility of sending the gospel by their means, which they hold as stewards for their master, but like the minister they are directly responsible to God alone for their liberality in carrying out this great privilege which God gives to them and for which they will be rewarded along with their personal efforts: but why should we decide for them how much they should give any more than we should decide just what they should do? "To their own master they stand or fall" in their gifts as in every other duty.

In fact their own personal reward is of more importance than the gift, for Paul says, Phil. 4:17, "I desire fruit that may abound to your account," and Acts 20:35. Christ himself says "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Again Paul says, 2nd Cor. 9:7, "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart so let him give; not grudgingly or of necessity for God loveth a cheerful giver," and verse 5, as a matter of bounty and not as of covetousness and at the same time warning them, ver. 6, "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly."

In all this there is not a hint of an apportionment on the individual or church, but on the contrary the giving is left for the individual's own conscience to decide how much he will do as in every other personal work. But take this great Christian principle and privilege from him and you reduce him again to bondage,

from which the law of Christ freed him; not that he is free to sin (see Rom. 6) or even to withold from God his just dues, but is responsible to God alone for obedience in this grace as in all others; and who will say a church should discipline one of its members for living a do-nothing life along the line of personal work?

We most emphatically deny that we are opposed to giving for the spread of the gospel and the care of the poor, but will greatly rejoice at the giving of millions on the voluntary principle, and emphasize this as a great privilege as well as a duty God has given the individual Christian as his part in saving the world about him which he cannot reach by his personal efforts. He can send by another. "The liberal soul shall be made fat," Prov. 11:25. "Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn," 1 Cor. 9:9; "The laborer is worthy of his hire," Lu. 10:7, are only a few scriptures which teach the importance of our liberality; but in the reward of the individual God looks at the motive as well as the sacrifice that is made in giving. Christ says "This poor widow hath cast in more than they all," Lu. 21:3, commending her for the sacrifice, but if we are to judge the giving by Paul's words in 2 Cor. 8:12-13, "For if there be first a willing mind it is accepted according to that a man hath and not according to that he hath not. For I mean not that other men be eased and ye burdened," we can only decide that God would have us help those more needy than ourselves, and in this we see the danger, where our collections are made by constraint or high pressure methods of placing a burden on some and easing others who do not need the gift as much as the giver. Let us be careful "That there may be equality," ver. 14. God does commend such gifts made willingly; but what shall he think of us if we are the means of forcing the gift from one of his needy children and bestowing it upon some one, or some cause, not one half as needy.

We deny that Christ ever contemplated laying the burden of education on his churches or people any further than it is the duty of all Christians to help other good causes along. No Christian should vote for a bad man, but shall the church go into politics? Good farming, good honest business should interest the Christian; shall the church make provision for these and collect money to improve them?

We have been deeply mortified with the attempt of some of our brethren to get scriptural grounds for education; and not finding it they use the word "teach" as if Christ and

the disciples meant literary teaching where the word "teach" is used. They certainly are intelligent enough to know that Christ always meant teaching the gospel and not the common text books of our schools. This kind of interpretation of God's word is repulsive to us and while we admit the great power of education let us leave it where it belongs, outside the church. But we want to cry the alarm at the dangers of education. We recently saw something like this in an associational report on education: "Education without religion is infidelity and atheism but religion without education is superstition and fanaticism" admitting the danger of an education but the real truth is found in the fact that our boys are driven away from their simple faith in their mother's Bible at the so-called Christian colleges as well as at the State colleges, in fact we are facing the damning heresy that Christ was not divine, and this is being taught in some of the so-called Christian colleges and even seminaries and we have more than a suspicion that all of them are tainted with the higher criticism ideas. Can we then in the face of this support as a Christian, or church duty, the institution which is tearing to pieces God's precious gift to man, or will we not rather fear to give it our support, as a Christian duty, and only use it with fear and trembling as we see the great danger of it to the Christian world, and recognizing its dangers, cry the alarm, not fearing the sneer of the world even though it brand us opposed to education.

Education and money are both good and of great value to the world, but there is great danger in each. Education may make us more useful, but never a better Christian; but we deny with scorn that "Christianity without education is superstition and fanaticism."

What the world needs today is more of that same class of men without a college education who carried the gospel into all the world and even in our own land was the means of evangelizing it as no other country has ever been.

Thousands of churches in this country today are pastorless for want of this spirit-called class of men, who are willing to labor with their own hands and preach as he shall lead them. But our institutions of learning are opposing all efforts of the preacher to support himself and to rely wholly on the church for support disregarding all the scriptures found in the foregoing.

If the world is ever brought to Christ it will be by men

called of God, who "go" and leave all the questions of support to God.

Let us return to God's plan for the salvation of the world, and leaving off all our own plans, depend simply on the preaching of the gospel, by men who have faith in God's word when he said "Go" and "I will be with you"; and also when God shall call, he will take care of the support as needed.

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Next session will be held with Taylor Springs Church, Iredell County, beginning on Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1921.

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PROCEEDINGS

Three Forks Baptist Church,
Thursday, Oct. 7th, 1920

The Alexander Baptist Association met in its thirty-hird annual session with Three Forks church today.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. H. Villiams.

Text: Eph. 2:10.

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Afternoon Session

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Elder D. W. Pool.

Letters from the various churches were then called for nd Brethren A. C. Payne and R. W. Chatham were ap-ointed to read them.

The following Messengers were enrolled:

Three Forks—R. B. McLeod, J. C. Chapman, B. M. Harrington.
Antioch—V. W. Teague, Jr., W. A. Hollar, Tom Keller.
Taylorsville—A. C. Payne, C. E. Echerd, J. G. Harrington.
Taylor Springs—O. B Mayberry.
White Plains—J. L. Campbell, J. A. Robinette.
Beulah—U. P. Wilson, Ed. Holifield, S. A. Anderson.
Concord—F. L. Gryder, N. F. Warren, D. C. Grant.
Sulphur Springs—B. F. Patterson, W. S. Hines.
Poplar Springs—J. F. Walker, J. F. Robinette.
Damascus—I. A. McLain. S. C. Johnson.
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Macedonia—J. M. Fox, J. E. Chatham, R. P. Brown.

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Permanent Organization

One motion of Elder W. J. Bumgarner the following officers were elected by acclamation:

J. L. GWALTNEY, Moderator
R. L. DOWNS, Clerk
E. E. LACKEY, Treasurer
J. B. ECHERD, Historian.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees:

Devotional Exercises—Pastor and Messengers of Three Forks church.

Nominations—D. W. Pool, J. W. Watts, J. G. Harrington.

Digest of Church Letters—J. E. Chatham, C. E. Echerd, T. E. Payne.

Bro. R. W. Chatham was appointed to fill a vacancy on Committee on Sunday Schools.

Visitors were called for and the following brethren responded and were welcomed to seats by the Moderator:

Elder D. W. Pool, Winston-Salem, N. C. Bro. W. S. McLeod, Caldwell Association.

Reading Constitution and by-laws was dispensed with.

The following order of procedure was adopted:

Prayer Meeting 9:30 A. M.
Business Session 10 A. M.
Sermon 11 A. M.
Intermission.
Resume business at 1 P. M.
Adjourn at will.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported as follows:

Prayer service tomorrow morning conducted by Bro. Milton Coffey.
Sermon by Elder T. E. Payne.

Closed with prayer by Elder J. P. Gwaltney.

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Friday Morning Session

Met as per adjournment.

Prayer service conducted by Bro. Boyce Mayberry.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Delinquent churches were called for and letters were resented and read and Messengers enrolled as follows:

Bethel—J. A. Campbell, E. J. Hendren, J. W. Barnett.
Stony Point—J. M. McAlpine, A. F. Ball, P. C. White.
Bethany—E. E. Pool, C. J. Hendren, J. M. Costner.

Visiting brethren were called for and Elder R. Lee avis, of the South Yadkin Association, responded and was ordially welcomed to a seat by the Moderator.

Reports of standing committees being called for, Elder . Lee Davis submitted the report on Fundamental Doc-ines.

The subject was discussed by Elders R. Lee Davis and P. Gwaltney.

Adopted.

REPORT ON FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES

We only have space to call attention to two of the fundamental ctrines and the errors by which they are assailed.

1st. The Divinity of Christ. This is being questioned by a large ass of, so-called, higher critics; but what is of more importance to , this error is being accepted by many Baptists of the North; and we ar by some of our Southern brethren who are leaning more towards rldly wisdom than to the simple faith in God's word; and forgetting at "The world by wisdom knew not God," 1st Cor. 1:21, they are ying to make God's revelation to man fit into the theories of the so-lled learned men.

We believe Paul wrote 1st Cor. 1:17-31, and 2:1-5 in order to coun-act and warn against this very thing.

The Christian world needs to read this Scripture over and over til it is stamped on its very soul; and then quit trusting to learning power. This is not "an old fogy idea which might have been good Paul's day but which does not fit into this day of Education;" but e principle it contains is the power of God unto salvation of a lost rld, right here in this land of boasted wisdom and learning.

"To your tents, O Israel." Let the world know that we have no rt nor lot in this damning heresy; nor faith in any power except that ich comes by the Spirit alone.

2nd. Another vital doctrine which is rather being ignored than ailed is regeneration, substituting the historic faith which every ld in this Christian land has, for the faith which only comes by the eration of the divine Spirit on the awakened and convicted conscience

of the sinner and which Paul says is "The gift of God," Eph. 2:8, and Christ says to Nicodemus, "The wind bloweth where it listeth———; but can'st not tell whence it cometh and whither it goeth, so is every one that is born of the Spirit," Jno. 3:8. The evangelists of today, or most of them, only insist that we determine to turn from our sins, believe in Christ, and accept him as our Savior; and they take this as regeneration, never asking if we have any assurance of our acceptance by Christ, counting the "Joy of Salvation," Ps. 51:12, as a mere matter of feeling which is not essential; and which they rather discourage, together with the tears of the truly convicted sinner.

There is difference in the degree of joy, but never salvation without a sense of our acceptance, and some feeling.

There is the same zeal today in the Christian world which Christ condemned in Mat. 23:15, "Ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte and when he is made ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves."

It is infinitely better not to make a profession than to be deceived as to our condition.

R. LEE DAVIS.

The hour having arrived for preaching the choir sang, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," and Elder T. E. Payne preached. Text: 2nd Cor. 5:2.

Intermission.

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Afternoon Session

Letters from delinquent churches were again called for and Lebanon presented a letter which was read and the following Messengers enrolled: W. J. Bumgarner, J. M. Fortner.

The Treasurer being absent, Bro. J. G. Harrington was appointed to take charge of funds.

The report on Church and Pastoral Relations was presented by Elder L. P. Gwaltney. After being spoken to by Elders L. P. Gwaltney, D. W. Pool and T. E. Payne was adopted.

CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATIONS

Your committee are encouraged to report that the discussion of this vital relation has stimulated and brought forth good results in most if not all of our churches. We still urge that our churches need the greater blessing which comes to them in the full discharge of this

Scriptural duty. See 1st Cor. 9:1-14, Philip. 4:17. The pastor bears the relation to his flock of father to child, the mother to her children, the tie most tender known, see 1st Thess. 2:7-11. Also the shepherd and the flock, 1st Peter 1:1-4, Acts 20:28-29, John 10:11-14 as quoted from Ezekiel 34:2-7-8-24. Your committee feel and urge that the time is at hand when the mutual duties of both pastor and his flock be given equal prominence in all our discussions before religious bodies. We should heed the danger signal given by Paul in Phil. 3:2 as interpreted in Isa. 56:10-11. Let us avoid these extremes and pastor and church labor to establish the Kingdom of God in the hearts of all men.

L. P. GWALTNEY,
T. E. PAYNE,
Committee.

The report on Duties to the Poor was read by Elder T. H. Williams.

Pending its adoption speeches were made by Elder T. H. Williams and Bro. A. C. Payne.

Report adopted.

DUTIES TO THE POOR

"Blessed is he that considereth the poor. The Lord will deliver him in time of ttouble. The Lord will preserve him. The Lord will strengthen him on the bed of languishing. Thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness." Psalms 41:1-3.

"He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord and that which he hath given will he pay him again." Prov. 19:17.

The world has forgotten that we are commanded to give for only two purposes. The above is one; the other is for the support of the gospel. "Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world," James 1:27.

The world is dying for the real fruits of religion which is giving, giving ourselves, giving our time and of our means.

We should never neglect the poor around our doors, but we want to urge that we look well to our orphans. We would suggest that a Thanksgiving offering be made for the orphans and that our Sunday Schools take monthly offerings for that purpose. Respectfully submitted,

T. H. WILLIAMS.

Following the discussion and adoption of the above report a collection was taken for our Orphanage at Thomasville amounting to $37.28.

Elder R. Lee Davis then spoke in the interest of "Charity and Children," the organ of the Orphanage.

The committee on Devotional Exercises reports:

Prayer meeting tomorrow morning conducted by Bro. John McAlpine.

Sermon by Elder J. W. Watts.

Closed with prayer by Elder J. W. Watts.

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Saturday Morning Session

Met as per adjournment.

Prayer meeting conducted by Elder R. Lee Davis.

Minutes of previous day read and corrected.

Church letter to Association from Mt. Olive was presented and the following Messengers enrolled: E. J. Deal, R. T. Lowe, J. J. Lowe.

Elders D. W. Pool and B. F. Austin were added to the committee on Spirituality of the Churches.

By special order the subject of Missions was taken up.

The report was submitted by Elder J. W. Watts.

After being discussed by Elders J. W. Watts, T. E. Payne, R. Lee Davis and J. P. Gwaltney it was adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

Your committee on Missions beg leave to recommend: 1.—To our ministry and our brethren sustaining them, prayerful thought and effort to occupy a destitute section in the bounds of our association. This destitution is adjacent to and lies along the Catawba river and is wholly destitute of Baptist preaching and the vital truths which underlie the salvation of the soul.

2—While your committee has grave fears that our missionaries in China do not fully appreciate the binding force of our marching orders given by our Lord in Matt. 10:9-10, Mark 6:8, and Luke 10:3-4. These Scriptures linked with the last commission of our Lord show that the missionary must go forth depending solely upon his Lord for every need and must not turn aside from this great work even though "tent making," trials and great self denial lie in his path; believing that our missionaries are feeling their way to this basal principle in New Testament Evangelization in their efforts to preach the Gospel to and not Educate or Civilize the heathen world and that they offer no subsidizing inducements to become Christians but are striving to establish a regen-

ted, self-supporting, self-denying Christianity in China. We there-
e recommend: Earnest prayer and increased sacrifices that the light
the Gospel truth may shine and save this dark and benighted land.
We recommend that our churches take collections for Missions
rterly, if not oftener. Respectfully submitted,

J. W. WATTS.

The time having arrived for the sermon, the congrega-
n sang: "'Tis the passing hour," and Elder J. W. Watts
eached. Text: Hosea 8:12.
Intermission.

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Afternoon Session

Church letter from Dover was handed in and the follow-
g Messengers enrolled: M. S. Pennell, John Teague, R.
Pennell.

Elder E. V. Bumgarner read the report on Spirituality
the Churches, which after being discussed by Elders D.
Pool, J. W. Watts and J. P. Gwaltney, was adopted.

REPORT ON THE SPIRITUALITY OF THE CHURCHES

The Spirituality of the church is only measured by the Spiritual
of the individual members composing the local church, and we de-
re the fact that this Spiritual power is not what it once was, or
may reasonably expect it to be. This Spirituality of the individual
o hard to understand by the world that it often mistakes the super-
al signs for spiritual power and even the organized church may
ke the mistake of associating their temporal prosperity very closely
h this spirit led state and like the church of the Laodiceans, Rev.
', say "I am rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing
knowest not that thou art wretched and miserable and poor and
d and naked." But the spirituality of the individual, and therefore
he church is the recognition of our utter helplessness and dependance
n the spirit for power. "Not by might nor by power but by my
it sayeth the Lord of Hosts," Zech. 4:6. "He that shall humble
self shall be exalted." Mat. 23:12. Your committee, recognizing
dangers of today, of pride in our own wisdom and power, would
t the way to the source of that power in humble submission to God's
and dependence on the leading of his spirit and looking up to him
faith in his power, from the valley of humiliation, we shall be ex-
d. Not in our own estimation but by the manifestation of that

of that power among us in the salvation of the lost and the joy that comes into every heart as we feel his blessed influence.

Respectfully submitted,

E. V. BUMGARNER,
B. F. AUSTIN,
D. W. POOL,
Committee.

Elder W. J. Bumgarner presented the report on Temperance. Pending its adoption speeches were made by Elder W. J. Bumgarner and Brethren A. C. Payne and W. E. White.

The report was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise," Prov. 20:1. "Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way. Be not among wine bibbers among riotous eaters of flesh. For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags." Prov. 23:19, 20, 21. "Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who hath contentions? Who hath babblings? Who hath wounds without cause? Who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth its colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." Prov. 23:29-32.

As a church they say we have nothing to do with prohibition. But as citizens we have much to do with it. As a citizen I would urge the people to stand by the law and see that the law is enforced. Talk against the evil. Work against it. Pray against it, and let us do all we can to put down this monster evil in our land.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. BUMGARNER.

Elder T. E. Payne submitted the following report on Digest of Church Letters:

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS

We find that 25 churches of this association report the following:

Value of Church Property, $25,650.00. Gains by Baptisms, 80. Gains by Letter, 23. Gains by Restoration, 2. Losses by Letter, 62. Losses by Exclusion, 16. Losses by Death, 26. Total Membership, 3702.

Pastors' Salaries, $1835.63. Building and Repairs, $2440.42. Incidentals, $189.73. Sunday School Expense, $212.41. The Poor, $736.70. The Minute Fund, $36.05. Other Objects, $83.70. To Missions (75 Mil-

lion undesignated) $10.00. State Missions, $5.00. Foreign Missions, $680.08. The Orphanage, $887.44. Ministers Relief, $287.35.

Sunday Schools. Number of Sunday Schools, 20. Number of Officers and Teachers, 118. Number of Pupils, 1405. Total number in Sunday Schools, 1523. Church Members in Sunday School, 878. Baptisms from the Sunday School, 31. Sunday School Missions, $5.00. To the Orphanage through Sunday Schools, $37.22.

Pastors Aid, $43. Number of Ordained Ministers, ———. Total contributions for all purposes, $7,489.73.

J. E. CHATHAM,
T. E. PAYNE,
CHAS. E. ECHERD.

Your Committee wishes to impress upon the delegates from each church the importance of having the church clerk fill in all blanks on the church letter form. We find so many have not answered the questions as to the value of church property and pastors salary. Minutes are certainly not complete unless every church shall answer all questions.

CHAS. E. ECHERD,
for the Committee.

Bro. J. G. Harrington read the report on Nominations, which was adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

Your Committee submits the following:
Fundamental Doctrines—W. J. Bumgarner, W. E. White.
Temperance—R. L. Downs, J. P. Gwaltney.
Church and Pastoral Relations—T. H. Williams, D. W. Pool.
Spirituality of the Churches—L. P. Gwaltney, T. E. Payne.
Missions—E. V. Bumgarner, B. F. Austin.
Duties to the Poor—A. C. Payne, J. W. Watts.
Sunday Schools—S. C. Johnson, R. Lee Davis.

MESSENGERS TO ASSOCIATIONS

Brier Creek—T. H. Williams.
Caldwell—Vance Teague.
South Yadkin—S. Grose.
State Convention—J. L. Gwaltney.
Southern Baptist Convention—J. W. Watts.

Time of next meeting—Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in Oct. 1921.

Place—Taylor Springs.
Introductory Sermon—T. E. Payne.
Alternate—L. E. Barnes.

The Treasurer not being ready to make his report, the Executive Board of the Association was directed to receive and pass on said report when made.

Correspondents being called on to report Elder T. H. Williams reported having visited the Brier Creek Association and Elder R. Lee Davis South Yadkin.

Messengers to other meetings failed to attend.

The Clerk was ordered to have as many copies of Minutes printed as funds would admit after retaining a reasonable fee for his services.

On motion of Elder B. F. Austin the thanks of the Association was tendered to the good people of the community for their kindness and hospitality during the meeting.

A collection for Foreign Missions was ordered to be taken Sunday morning.

The Committee on Religious Exercises made the following report:

Sunday School mass meeting at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Sermon at 11 A. M. by Elder J. P. Gwaltney.

Sermon at 1 o'clock P. M. by Elder T. H. Williams.

The time having come for adjournment Bro. J. M. Fortner led in singing, "The Lone Pilgrim," while the brethren engaged in an old fashioned hand shake.

Closed with prayer by Elder R. Lee Davis.

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Sunday

Following an appropriate song service and prayer, Bro. R. W. Chatham read the report on Sunday Schools.

The subject was discussed in a very helpful manner by Elders J. A. White and T. H. Williams and Brethren J. E. Chatham and W. E. White.

The report was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We usually speak and think of the Sunday School as an institution for young people and children. This is a serious mistake.

Primarily, Sunday School means "The church at work," and ev-

ery member can help in the work—some can teach, some can sing, while others may help by simply being present.

We know of no other avenue of Christian endeavor or greater opportunity to work for the Master than faithful service in the Sunday School.

"And thou shalt teach them dilligently unto thy children," said the great Law giver, and what a privilege is here!

Let us put more life, energy and consecration in this work.

R. W. CHATHAM.

At 11 o'clock Elder J. P. Gwaltney preached an able sermon from the text: Romans 12:1. A collection was then taken for Foreign Missions amounting as follows:

Cash - - -	$ 96.00
Pledges - -	185.00
Total - - -	$281.00

In the afternoon Elder T. H. Williams preached an interesting sermon. Text: 1st John 3:2.

Closed with benediction by Elder J. P. Gwaltney.

J. L. GWALTNEY, Moderator.

R. L. DOWNS, Clerk.

	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Total
Balance on hand Oct. 7th, 1919	$292 44		$292 44
Pleasant Hill	8 45		8 45
Sulphur Springs	32 78	$24 40	57 18
Hiddenite	20 60		20 60
White Plains	21 70		21 70
Damascus	12 00		12 00
Antioch	5 71		5 71
Dover	5 20		5 20
Mt. Herman	8 00		8 00
Bethel	7 25		7 25
Bethlehem	8 61		8 61
Taylorsville	10 00		10 00
Liledoun	50 00		50 00
L. S. Holton	25 00		25 00
Lebanon	60 72		60 72
Linney's Grove	12 00	9 00	21 00
Mt. Nebo	10 38		10 38
Pilgrim	5 55		5 55
Poplar Springs		4 00	4 00
Taylor Springs	5 00	7 30	12 30
Bethany	4 70		4 70
Association Collections	96 00	37 28	133 28
Pleasant Grove		3 88	3 88
Total	$702 09	$85 86	$787 95

Checks to T. L. Blaylock	$395 58
Thomasville Orphanage	64 16
Balance on hand	328 21
Total	$787 95

E. E. LACKEY, Treasurer.

TABLE I--STATISTICAL

CHURCH	PASTOR	POSTOFFICE	CLERK	POSTOFFICE	Time Preaching	Value Church Property	GAINS			LOSSES			Number of Males	Number of Females	Total Membership
							By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	Excluded	By Death			
Antioch	D. W. Pool	Winston-Salem	V. W. Teague, Jr.	Taylorsville, R. 4	2	$ 1200	2	...	.....	16	...	3	132	173	305
Bethel	L. E. Barnes	Taylorsville	J. A. Campbell	Pore's Knob	2	.....	...	...	.....	4	...	3	88	120	208
Bethany	J. B. Ray	Roaring River	E. E. Pool	Gilreath	1	.....	5	6	.....	7	1	3	92	103	195
Bethlehem	W. J. Bumgarner	Taylorsville	Wm. W. Teague	Bentley	1	1000	...	3	.....	2	1	.....	81	147	228
Beulah	C. F. Friday	"	U. P. Wilson	Taylorsville	...	.....	9	3	.....	7	...	1	33	52	85
Concord	T. E. Payne	"	F. L. Gryder	"	1	600	4	...	.....	1	...	1	41	103	144
Dover	B. F. Austin	"	M. S. Pennell	"	4	500	2	...	.....	10	...	2	70	75	145
Damascus	W. T. Comer	New Castle	I. A. McLain	Statesville, R. 5	1	1200	2	...	.....	5	1	4	102	119	221
Hiddenite	E. V. Bumgarner	Taylorsville	J. W. Hendren	Hiddenite	3	.....	...	...	.....	1	...	1	19	18	37
Island Ford	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	...	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lebanon	T. E. Payne	Taylorsville	G. W. Bumgarner	Taylorsville	4	1000	...	...	.....	...	4	1	47	72	119
Lileboun	B. F. Austin	"	W. P. Jenkins	"	2	.....	11	6	.....	1	...	.....	68	98	166
Linney's Grove	T. E. Payne	"	J. F. Baker	Hiddenite	3	500	6	...	.....	...	...	1	69	76	136
Little River	F. C. Watts	Purlear	N. C. Deal, Jr.	Taylorsville	1	500	...	...	.....	3	...	1	42	70	112
Macedonia	B. F. Austin	Taylorsville	J. M. Fox	"	2	800	...	2	...	2	...	1	75	129	204
Mt. Olive	F. C. Watts	Purlear	J. J. Lowe	Pore's Knob	3	2000	1	...	1	...	1	3	56	86	142
Mt. Hermon	B. F. Austin	Taylorsville	P. E. Johnson	Taylorsville	1	1000	1	...	.....	...	...	.....	37	65	102
Mt. Nebo	C. F. Friday	"	G. L. Steele	Stony Point	1	850	...	...	.....	1	...	.....	50	58	108
Mt. Hebron	C. F. Friday	"	J. S. Stepherson	Taylorsville	2	1500	...	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	82
Pilgrim	L. E. Barnes	"	J. M. Querry	Hiddenite	4	800	...	...	1	...	...	.....	88	95	183
Pleasant Grove	T. H. Williams	New Hope	J. I. W. Levan	Stony Point	4	700	2	3	....	1	3	.....	35	44	79
Pleasant Hill	C. F. Friday	Taylorsville	F. S. Bowles	Taylorsville	4	1000	...	1	....	1	1	.....	37	83	120
Poplar Springs	T. E. Payne	"	J. F. Robinette	"	4	.....	1	...	1	...	...	1	67	111	178
Sulphur Springs	E. V. Bumgarner	"	B. F. Patterson	Hiddenite	3	2000	...	...	.....	2	1	1	64	119	183
Stony Point	E. V. Bumgarner	"	A. W. White	Stony Point	1	2500	5	2	.....	5	...	1	60	71	131
Three Forks	W. J. Bumgarner	"	R. B. McLeod	Taylorsville	3	1000	3	...	.....	3	...	1	118	143	261
Taylorsville	E. V. Bumgarner	"	A. C. Payne	"	2	7500	...	10	.....	3	...	.....	39	115	154
Taylor Springs	W. T. Comer	New Castle	H. T. Williams	New Hope	3	500	...	...	.....	...	...	3	47	79	126
White Plains	T. E. Payne	Taylorsville	J. L. Campbell	Taylorsville	3	500	8	...	.....	1	3	.....	59	105	164
West Hickory	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	...	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....

TABLE II--FINANCIAL

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	Other Objects	75 Million (Undesignated)	Associational Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	TOTAL
Antioch	$66 20		17 00	$3 70		1 70		$10 00		5 71		$104 31
Bethel	60 00		35 00			1 55				7 25		103 80
Bethany						1 65				27 55	30 00	59 20
Bethlehem	125 00		43 00	5 00		1 50	7 06			22 27	2 00	205 83
Beulah			36 00	25 00		1 80						62 80
Concord	64 00	$320 00	25 00	13 65		2 15						424 80
Dover	60 78		28 50		$10 25	1 50				11 20	3 79	116 02
Damascus	100 00		41 15	12 50	5 00	2 50	9 07			29 80	17 21	217 23
Hiddenite	100 00					2 30				20 00	12 00	134 30
Island Ford												
Lebanon	120 25	200 00	30 00			1 90				77 72	4 00	433 87
Liledoun	190 36				137 70	2 00				256 75	510 25	1097 06
Linney's Grove	107 00					2 45				12 00	9 00	130 45
Little River	50 00			3 00	500 00	1 70	50 00			18 42		623 12
Macedonia						2 30						2 30
Mt. Olive	51 10	45 35				65				30 00		127 10
Mt. Hermon	52 77	92 00	16 20	3 91		1 80				8 00	9 00	183 68
Mt. Nebo						1 70				10 38		12 08
Mt. Hebron						1 00						1 00
Pilgrim			35 80			2 00				5 45		43 25
Pleasant Grove	50 00		20 00			1 70				17 56	3 88	93 14
Pleasant Hill						2 00				4 15		6 15
Poplar Springs	75 00					1 70					4 00	80 70
Sulphur Springs	150 00			16 12		2 50				32 78	36 40	237 80
Stony Point	250 00	200 00	99 00	56 00		4 00				105 00	223 10	937 10
Three Forks	105 05	18 88	43 00		28 00	2 85	24 00			25 97		247 75
Taylorsville	221 85	1774 34	71 93	45 15		4 50			5 00	10 00	21 34	2154 11
Taylor Springs	50 00		50 00		66 00	1 90				5 00	7 30	180 20
White Plains	72 30					2 30				23 30	6 30	104 20
West Hickory												
Total	$2049 36	$2722 87	$591 58	$184 03	746 95	$57 60	$90 13	$10 00	5 00	$766 26	$ 899 57	$8123 35

TABLE III--SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCH	SUPERINTENDENT	POSTOFFICE	SECRETARY	POSTOFFICE	No. of Schools	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrolled	Church Members in S. S.	Months Open	Baptisms from School	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	Total Contributions
Antioch	V. W. Teague Jr.	Taylorsville	Clyde Keller	Taylorsville	1	7	65	72	34	3	3	$ 3 70			3 70
Bethel	S. C. Campbell	"	Eula Millsaps	Hiddenite	1	4	50	54	30		4				
Bethany	J. M. Costner	Pore's Knob	Rosa Lee Moore	Pore's Knob	1	7	70	77		11					
Bethlehem	Wm. W. Teague	Bentley	A. W. Robinson	Bentley	1	6	54	60		9	1	5 00			5 00
Beulah	H. T. Campbell	Taylorsville	D. S. Watts	Taylorsville	1	7	60	67				25 00			25 00
Concord	F. C. Lackey	Stony Point	Ora Rector	Stony Point	2	11	185	196				13 85			13 85
Dover															
Damascus	W. J. Page	Statesville, R. 5	I. A. McLain	Statesville, R. 5	1	4	46	50	35	9	1	12 50			12 50
Hiddenite	C. H. Gryder	Hiddenite	Newt Lackey	Hiddenite	1	7	82	89	25	12		75 00			75 00
Island Ford															
Lebanon	J. M. Fortner	Taylorsville	Levi Bumgarner	Taylorsville	1	6	50	56							
Liledoun	J. W. Stafford	"	Carl Warren	"	1	6	130	136	50	6	12	11 38			11 38
Linney's Grove	Arthur Millsaps	Hiddenite	Hazel Stevenson	Hiddenite	1	5	52	57			4				
Little River	N. C. Deal Jr.	Taylorsville	C. H. Robinett	Taylorsville	1	6	69	75	32	6					
Macedonia															
Mt. Olive	R. C. Davis	Pore's Knob	Mayzo Deal	Pore's Knob	1										
Mt. Hermon	L. C. Echerd	Taylorsville			1	5	73	78	26	6		3 91			3 91
Mt. Nebo	J. T. Christopher	Stony Point	Lunda Steele	Stony Point	1	7	67	74	36						
Mt. Hebron															
Pilgrim	W. R. Fox	New Hope	Margaret Querry	Hiddenite	1	6	41	47	19	4	7				
Pleasant Grove	R. L. Levan	Stony Point	Roy Childers	Stony Point	1	4	71	75			1	6 60		3 88	9 88
Pleasant Hill															
Poplar Springs															
Sulphur Springs	B. F. Patterson	Hiddenite	S. F. Cook	Hiddenite	1	6	49	55		12		16 12		12 00	28 12
Stony Point	A. L. Watts	Stony Point	Clara Baker	Stony Point	1	6	120	126		12					
Three Forks	B. M. Harrington	Taylorsville	Ray Rogers	Taylorsville	1	7	60	67	40	6	3				
Taylorsville	A. C. Payne	"	Eunice Payne	"	1	8	155	163		12		45 15	5 00	21 34	71 49
Taylor Springs	L. T. Younger	New Hope	Alta Younger	New Hope	1	5	50	55	40	6					
White Plains	J. W. Blankenship	Hiddenite			1										
West Hickory															

Historical Work

THREE FORKS CHURCH

About one hundred and twenty years ago, the place where Three Forks church now stands was selected for a burial place. In May 1857, the church was first organized with thirty-seven members. These came from Little River church. Not one now living. The presbytery consisting of Revs. Gilson Bryant and Jacob Crouch. Nathan A. Pool was first clerk. Revs. Gilson Bryant and Jacob Crouch served as pastors until 1860. Then Rev. Smith Ferguson one year. Dnring the civil war there was no pastor. In 1867 Rev. W. G. Brown one year. Rev. John B. Powel served one year. Rev. W. A. Pool from 1869 to 1872. Then Revs. L. P. Gwaltney and J. B. Pool one year. Rev. L. P. Gwaltney one year. Rev. George Sherrill was called in 1875 for one year. Rev. C. C. Pool from 1876 to 1879. Then Rev. E. David from Nov. 1879 to Nov. 1880. Then Rev. L. P. Gwaltney until 1884. Rev. J. P. Gwaltney one year. Rev. L. P. Gwaltney again until Sept. 1888. Then Rev. D. W. Pool until Aug. 1893. Rev. L. P. Gwaltney served from 1893 until 1902 when his health gave way. Then Rev. G. Z. Bumgarner served until 1906. Then Rev. J. P. Gwaltney until 1910. Rev. W. J. Bumgarner has served the church ever since. Is present incumbent.

CLERKS.

N. A. Pool was first clerk and served until Feb. 1861, R. Watts until July, 1867, J. B. Pool until 1869, R. S. Barnes until July, 1872, D. W. Pool until April 1878, J. M. Jones until Feb. 1896, A. L. Watts until Dec. 1899, A. J. Blankenship until 1902, G. C. Teague until 1904, J. J. H. Pool until 1910, J. B. Echerd until 1915. R. B. McLeod has served ever since.

The present session of the Alexander Association has been remarkable by the earnest endeavor of almost all the speakers to make prominent the work of the Holy Spirit, the discussion of "Missions," "Temperence, etc. The attendance was good.

Obituaries

Alonzo L. Johnson was born June 18, 1861. Died March 17, 1919. He professed a hope in Christ and united with Three Forks Baptist Church in 1893, where he remained a member until Mt. Hermon church was organized in 1912. He moved his membership there where he served as deacon until death. He was a model citizen, a kind and loving husband and father, a faithful and obliging Christian.

Geo. Calvin Herman was born Sept. 1854. Married Elizabeth Swaim 1876. Joined Three Forks Church 1878. Died May 4, 1920. He was a loving husband, a kind father, an obliging neighbor, and a faithful Christian. Truly a good man has gone to his reward.

Honorably submitted,

JOHN B. ECHERD, Historian.

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

TAYLOR SPRINGS CHURCH

OCTOBER 6, 7, 8, 9, 1921.

OFFICERS

Moderator, J. L. Gwaltney, ...Taylorsville, N. C.
Clerk, R. W. Chatham, ...R. 2, Taylorsville, N. C.

Next session will be held with Macedonia Church, beginning on Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1922.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

ABERNETHY, J. A. ..... Tai An Fu, Shantung, China.
AUSTIN, B. F.,.....Taylorsville, N. C.
BUMGARNER, W. J.,.....R. 5, Taylorsville, N. C.
BUMGARNER, E. V.,.....R. 5, Taylorsville, N. C.
BARNES, L. E.,.....R. 3, Taylorsville, N. C.
CLINE, R. C.,.....Washington, D. C.
FRIDAY, C. F.,.....R. 2, Taylorsville, N. C.
GWALTNEY, L. P.,.....Hiddenite, N. C.
GWALTNEY, J. P.,.....Hiddenite, N. C.
LINNEY, W. E.,.....Wilkesboro, N. C.
McALPINE, J. M.,.....Stony Point, N. C.
PAYNE, T. E.,.....Taylorsville, N. C.
TEAGUE, GROVER,.....R. 4, Taylorsville, N. C.
WATTS, J. W.,.....Taylorsville, N. C.
WHITE, J. A.,.....Taylorsville, N. C.
WILLIAMS, T. H.,.....New Hope, N. C.

Taylor Springs Church,
Thursday, Oct. 6th, 1921.

The Alexander Baptist Association convened in its thirty-fourth annual session with Taylor Springs Church today.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder T. E. Payne. Text: 1st. Thes, 5:12-13.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder L. E. Barnes.

Letters from the various churches were called for and Brethren W. T. Comer and A. C. Payne were asked to read them.

The following messengers were enrolled:

Taylor Springs—T. L. Younger, J. P. Williams, R. D . Williams.
Concord—F. L. Gryder, F. C. Lackey, Roy Hefner.
Poplar Springs—J. M. Poole, W. C. Brookshire, T. J. Crouch.
Mt. Hermon—P. E. Johnson, Q. V. Johnson, L. C. Echerd.
Bethany—E. E. Pool, M. G. Queen, W. J. Moore.
Pilgrim—J. M. Querry, W. R. Fox, W. G. Mayberry.
Macedonia—W. P. Smith, R. W. Chatham, C. W. Watts.
Taylorsville—A. C. Payne, G. C. Teague, J. G. Harrington.
White Plains—J. A. Robinette, H. A. Childers, C. C. Mayberry.
Dover—M. S. Pennell, Edd Mooney, Guss Harrington.
Three Forks—Hermon Watts, R. B. McLeod, E. C. Johnson.
Bethel—L. E. Barnes.
Hiddenite—C. H. Gryder, J. C. Thomas, Fred Abernethy.
Liledoun—W. P. Jenkins, T. E. Payne, G. E. Pennell.
Pleasant Hill—F. S. Bowles, Peter Daniels, D. P. Wike.
Mt. Nebo—H. M. Blankenship, L. B. Smith, T. P. Lackey.
Little River—N. C. Deal, Jr., John T. Rogers, Lee W. Robinette.
Mt. Hebron—J. S. Stephenson, J. W. Poole, J. B. Goforth.
Antioch—R. L. Downs, Glenn Keller, H. B. Oxford.
Linney's Grove—J. F. Baker, W. F. McLain, J. S. Bowles.
Damascus—J. A. McLain, R. D. Goodin, R. C. Bowles.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION

The following officers were elected by acclamation:

J. L. GWALTNEY, Moderator
R. W. CHATHAM, Clerk
E. E. LACKEY, Treasurer
A. C. PAYNE, Historian

The Moderator, then appointed the following committees:—

Devotional Exercises—Pastor and Messengers from Taylor Springs Church.

Nominations—B. F. Austin, J. P. Gwaltney, J. A. Robinette.

Digest of Church Letters—R. B. McLeod, E. E. Pool, J. G. Harrington.

Vacancies on standing committees were filled as follows:

Spirituality of Churches—N. H. Comer.

Visiting brethren being called for the following responded and were cordially welcomed by the Moderator:

Elder R. N. Garner, Brethren J. P. McCarter and T. M. Snow, from Brier Creek Association; Elder N. H. Comer, Yadkin Association; Elder J. W. Rash and wife, South Yadkin Association and Elder D. W. Poole, Pilot Mountain Association.

Reading of the Constitution and by-laws was dispensed with.

On motion of Elder J. P. Gwaltney the following order of business was adopted:

Prayer Meeting 9:30 A. M.
Business Session 10:00 A. M.
Sermon 11:00 A. M.
Resume Business at 1:00 P. M.
Adjourn at will.

On motion of Elder B. F. Austin the item formerly entered in the minutes as "Ministerial Relief", was ordered to be placed under the head of "Incidentals".

The committee on devotional exercises reported as follows:

Tonight—Seven-thirty, Sermon by Elder B. F. Austin.
Tomorrow—At 9:30, Prayer Service by Brother C. C. Mayberry.
Tomorrow—At 11:00, Sermon by Elder J. W. Rash.
Adjourned to 9:30 tomorrow.

FRIDAY MORNING

The Association met at 10:00 a. m.

Prayer by Elder B. F. Austin.

Minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

Delinquent churches were called for and the following Messengers were enrolled:

Stony Point—D. W. Mayberry, N. P. Stout, Spurgeon Gross.

Sulphur Springs—Z. B. Sharpe, A. A. Patterson, B. F. Patterson.

Visitors were called for and Elder Marshall Wright of Briar Creek Association responded and was cordially welcomed by the Moderator.

Report of Standing Committees:

Brother R. L. Downs read the report on Temperance and after being discussed by Brethren R. L. Downs, J. L. Gwaltney and Elders J. P. Gwaltney, R. Lee Davis and D. W. Poole the report was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Temperance within the meaning of this report has reference only to the use of alcoholic liquors as a beverage.

The manufacture and sale of strong drink is now prohibited by law, therefore those engaged in it are outlaws.

This disreputable and nefarious business is now carried on to an alarming extent within the bounds of this Association. It seems that some of our church members, if not actually engaged in it, are in sympathy and indirectly aiding and abetting, thus adversely affecting the life, influence and spiritual power of the church.

Your committee would earnestly urge that we, as citizens, take a strong and decided stand for the enforcement of the law and the consequent suppression of this great evil which is now sapping the moral and spiritual stamina of our people.

Respectfully submitted,
R. L. DOWNS,
J. P. GWALTNEY,
Committee.

The time for preaching having arrived Elder J. W. Rash occupied the hour with Sermon from Matt. 6:9-13.

Intermission.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Letters from delinquent churches were called for and Bethlehem presented a letter enrolling the following Messengers:

W. W. Teague, V. W. Teague, Tate Shirrell.

Visitors being called for Elder R. Lee Davis from South Yadkin and Brother C. C. Holland from Briar Creek Association responded and were welcomed to seats by the Moderator.

Brother J. G. Harrington was appointed to take charge of the funds for missions in the absence of Treasurer E. E. Lackey.

A collection to increase the minute fund was taken and $3.59 realized.

Elder W. J. Bumgarner read the report on Fundamental Doctrines which, pending the adoption was discussed by Elders W. J. Bumgarner, W. E. Linney and R. Lee Davis.

Adopted.

REPORT ON FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES

Three things under this subject seem to be of most vital importance:

1. The world's scholarship is apparently losing its respect for the Bible. It is not only rejecting that book as the inspired, and therefore the infallible, word of God, but it presumes to place upon it such construction as best agrees with its own material ideas. We believe that the present attempt to abridge, as well as to alter the word of God is dangerous and, if winked at now will prove to be the stepping stone to the most dreadful form of infidelity.

2. Who would have thought fifty years ago that Christians in North Carolina would be called upon in our day to defend the doctrine of the diety of Jesus Christ? Yet every wind that blows brings whisperings of heresy at this point. If only avowed infidels were responsible there need be no cause for alarm; but since institutions of learning from which young men are being trained to preach, boldly deny this most fundamental truth, it is high time for every man of God to cry aloud against this form of heresy. To eliminate the God-man from the Bible means to eliminate the Bible itself, and the world must grope in darkness, and the world to come must forever remain a vague uncertainty.

We believe that in no period of the Christian era has there been a time of greater need for the Christian ministry to take a firm, unflinching stand upon the doctrine of regeneration. We believe the methods being practiced by many preachers, and especially by professional evangelist are wrong in principal, false in practice and ruinous in results. We would advise pastors to use the utmost care in securing ministerial assistance in revival work and be sure that the preacher is not only sound in doctrine but sound in practice.

Respectfully submitted,
W. J. BUMGARNER.

The report of last year on Church and Pastoral Relations, presented by Elder T. H. Williams was discussed by Elders D. W. Poole, J. P. Gwaltney, W. E. Linney and Brethren C. C. Redman and R. D. Goodin. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATIONS

Your committee is encouraged to report that the discussion of this vital relation has stimulated and brought forth good results in most if not all our churches. We still urge that our churches need the greater blessings which comes to them in the full discharge of this scriptural duty: See 1st. Cor. 9:1-14, Philip. 4:17. The pastor bears the relation to his flock of father to child, the mother to her children, the tie most tender known, see 1st. Thess, 2:7-11. Also the shepherd and the flock, 1st. Peter 1:1-4, Acts 20:28-29, John 10:11-14 as quoted from Ezekiel 34:2-7-8-24. Your committee feel and urge that the time is at hand when the mutual duties of both Pastor and his flock be given equal prominence in all our discussions before religious bodies. We should heed the danger signal given by Paul in Phil. 3:2 as interpreted in Isa. 56:10-11. Let us avoid these extremes, and pastor and church labor to establish the kingdom of God in the hearts of all men.

J. P. GWALTNEY,
T. E. PAYNE,
Committee.

The committee on devotional exercises report as follows:

Tonight—7:30 Sermon by Elder J. W. Watts
Tomorrow—9:30 Prayer Service by Brother C. C. Holland.
Tomorrow—11:00 Sermon by Elder W. J. Bumgarner.
Adjourned with Benediction by Elder W. E. Linney.

SATURDAY MORNING

Met as per adjournment.

Prayer Services conducted by Elder T. H. Williams after which the business session was opened by prayer by Elder R. Lee Davis.

Elder J. W. Watts presented the report on Duties to the Poor. After being addressed by Elders J. W. Watts and B. F. Austin, by motion of Elder W. J. Bumgarner the report was deferred until the afternoon.

Report on Sunday Schools was presented and discussed by Elder R. Lee Davis and by motion of Elder B. F. Austin was continued until Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

The hour for preaching having arrived the choir sang "I Can See A Light," and Elder W. J. Bumgarner occupied the hour by Sermon from Matt. 7:7.

Intermission

AFTERNOON SESSION

Delinquent churches being called for, Pleasant Grove

presented a letter and the following Messengers were enrolled: J. I. W. Levan, R. L. Levan and J. W. Baker.

The deferred report on duties to the Poor was again taken up and further discussed by Elders R. Lee Davis and J. P. Gwaltney, after which a collection was taken for the Thomasville Orphanage and $18.06 realized.

The report was adopted.

REPORT ON DUTIES TO THE POOR

Your committee in submitting this report is impressed with the fact that we are as Christians are too prone to neglect this important duty. We forget in our affluence that there are those in our midst that need our sympathy and help in a material way. There are few churches in our Association, within whose bounds are not those who need our help. We wish to impress upon the churches the necessity, and urge them to make a more careful study and investigation of the conditions of the poor within their bounds, and in order that suffering on account of poverty may be eliminated as far as possible within our Association we urge the deacons to do their work more efficiently in this respect.

We urge the churches to contribute to the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville as liberally as possible, and on the direct plan.

Let us strive to follow the Biblical injunction in this matter more closely and we feel that it will be a great blessing to the church, and to humanity.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. PAYNE,
J. W. WATTS,
Committee.

The report on Spirituality of the Churches, submitted by Elder T. E. Payne, was discussed by Elders T. E. Payne and B. F. Austin and adopted as reported.

REPORT ON SPIRITUALITY OF THE CHURCHES

The spirituality of the church is only measured by the spirituality of its individual members. We are glad to note that the spiritual tide has run very high in many of our churches during this revival campaign, and are persuaded to believe we have reached the dawn of a better day than a year ago when this body assembled; while we deplore the fact that the spirituality of many of our churches is not what it should be nor what we hope for it to be. We are aware of the fact that the churches are passing one of the most dangerous mile stones in her history—We are apt to become like the Laodicean Church and say, "I am rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing" Rev. 3:17. We want to talk of our fine churches, up-to-date methods, big men and fine schools,

while modern Evangelism is sweeping the earth, offering nothing more than a cold, formal handshake religion to our boys and girls. Thus, unawares and while we sleep our churches are going to be filled with an unregenrated membership, yet the Lord says "Verily, Verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God." John 3:3. So let us not sleep as do others for we are not in darkness that that day should overtake us. God says, "It is not by might nor by power but by my Spirit sayest the Lord of Hosts," Zech. 4:6. May we often tarry for the power of the Holy Ghost, Luke 24:49.

Respectfully submitted,

T. E. PAYNE.

The report on Missions was presented and read by Elder W. J. Bumgarner and after being spoken to by Elders W. J. Bumgarner, B. F. Austin, J. P. Gwaltney, R. Lee Davis and T. H. Williams was adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

The command of our Lord is to preach the gospel to every creature. How shall this be done? We know of no better way than the apostolic plan, and that is the beginning at Jerusalem and extending the work unto the uttermost parts of the earth. We feel that we are not interested in extending the work abroad as we should be. We believe in the Divine plan of doing Mission work. Our Association is committed to this plan and while we now have a dozen Missionaries in the foreign field from whom there are coming good reports, yet we greatly fear our people are losing interest in this work, and neglecting to share the burdens and blessings with these faithful missionaries. Perhaps this in part is for want of information with reference to their work. We would recommend to our people a little paper published at Fair View, N. C., called The Fore Runner, that is entirely in the interest of this work.

Respectfully submitted,—For com.

W. J. BUMGARNER,

B. F. AUSTIN.

The report on Digest of Church Letters was rendered by Brother J. G. Harrington and adopted.

REPORT ON DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS

We find that 21 churches of this Association report the following:

Value of church property, $29,295.00. Gains by Baptism 313, by letter 73, by Restoration 14. Losses, by letter 46, by exclusion

19, by death 29. Total membership 4,212.

Pastors Salaries $2,307.56. Building and repairs, $682.80. Incidentals, $496.06. Sunday School expenses, $364.09. The Poor, $253.87. Minute Funds, $48.65. Other objects, $19.00. Home Missions, $5.00. Near East Fund, $42.79. Foreign Missions, $475.16. Orphanage, $598,84.

Sunday Schools reported, 23. Officers and teachers, 138. Pupils, 1,736. Total membership, 1,861. Church members in Sunday Schools, 577. Baptisms from Sunday Schools, 72. Ordained ministers in Association, 16.

Signed,

J. G. HARRINGTON,
For Committee.

Reports from Messengers to other associations were called for and Elder B. F. Austin reported from Caldwell Association. Messengers to other meetings failed to attend.

The report on Nominations, presented by Elder B. F. Austin, was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

Your committee submits the following:
Fundamental Doctrines—E. V. Bumgarner, J. P. Gwaltney.
Temperance—T. H. Williams, A. C. Payne.
Church and Pastoral Relations—R. L. Davis, J. L. Gwaltney.
Spirituality of The Churches—W. J. Bumgarner, T. E. Payne.
Missions—L. P. Gwaltney, R. L. Downs.
Duties to the Poor—J. W. Watts, D. W. Poole.
Sunday Schools—W. W. Teague, W. E. White.

Messengers To Associations

Brier Creek—T. H. Williams
Caldwell—J. W. Watts
South Yadkin—S. C. Johnson
State Convention—R. Lee Davis
Southern Baptist Convention—J. W. Watts.

Time of next meeting—Thursday before the 2nd Sunday in October 1922.

Place—Macedonia.

Introductory Sermon—L. E. Barnes.

Alternate—J. M. McAlpine.

The treasurer, not being able to furnish a complete report by reason of delinquent churches, was directed to furnish said report to the Clerk as early as the necessary information could be obtained.

The committee on devotional exercises reported as follows:

Tonight at 7:30, Sermon by Elder T. E. Payne.
Tomorrow at 11:00, Sermon by Elder J. P. Gwaltney.

On motion of Elder B. F. Austin the thanks of the Association was tendered to the good people of Taylor Springs community for their kindness and hospitality during the meeting. The congregation sang "Sweet by and by" and adjourned with Benediction by Elder J. P. Gwaltney.

SUNDAY MORNING

Met as per adjourned.

Prayer by Brother Elzie Poole.

The deferred report on Sunday Schools was again taken up and after being discussed by Elders B. F. Austin, T. H. Williams and Brethren L. T. Younger and J. P. Williams, was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Your committee on Sunday Schools beg to submit the following report: It is said that "The Sunday School is the nursery of the church" and like the home it is the means of training for future membership in the church. In fact any church is a great loser in Spiritual life that neglects the advantages of a live Sunday School.

But it is not alone the training of our children that is important, for the old as well as the young need the blessing of the study of the God's word together and the word admonishes us "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together" and we need to remember that the habitual custom of Christ and the Apostles was to go into the Synagogue on the Sabbath day and read God's word.

There is a custom which is growing in some of our schools and churches which your committee thinks is dangerous. They have what is called decision day and get numbers of children to decide for Christ when in reality the child is no more saved than if they had learned a Catechism and been confirmed into the church.

A child is easily led and a strong personality can lead most children to join the church just whenever they make the trial whether the Spirit has saved them or not.

We want to cry out in alarm at this new way of filling our churches with unsaved souls.

Submitted,
R. LEE DAVIS,
For Committee.

A collection for missions was taken amounting to $20.46.

Time for preaching having arrived Elder J. P. Gwaltney occupied the hour with an able Sermon from, Text. Psalms, 57:7. Closed with song, "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow".

	Missions	Orphanage	Total
Balance on hand Oct. 7th. 1920	328 21		328 21
Bethlehem	27 29	2 00	29 29
White Plains	6 23		6 23
Miss Lelia Teague	5 00		5 00
Mrs. S. G. Earp	5 00		5 00
Miss Alice Teague	5 00		5 00
Concord	3 00		3 00
Liledoun	18 05		18 05
Mt. Hermon	18 00		18 00
Damascus	36 79		36 79
E. S. Teague	5 00		5 00
Bethany	30 40		30 40
Bethany	9 05		9 05
Three Forks	5 25		5 25
Antioch	25 25		25 25
Zion Hill	20 00		20 00
Moravian Falls	5 00		5 00
Mt. Olive	14 19		14 19
Sulphur Springs	20 55	30 59	51 14
Linney's Grove	26 11		26 11
Mt. Hebron	2 05		2 50
Pleasant Hill	4 37		4 37
H. C. Johnson	5 00		5 00
V. W. Teague	5 00		5 00
Lebanon	53 00		53 00
Poplar Springs	3 75		3 75
Mt. Nebo	6 05		6 05
J. L. Gwaltney	25 00		25 00
J. W. Watts	25 00		25 00
C. S. Holton	25 00		25 00
Pleasant Grove	6 65		6 65
Pilgrim	7 25		7 25
Taylor Springs	6 70		6 70
Bethel	9 25		9 25
Hiddenite	14 15		14 15
Donations	1 60		1 60
Assn. Collection	21 02	18 06	39 08
Total	834 21	50 65	884 86

Checks to T. L. Blalock	$422.30
Checks to Jno. A. Abernathy	20.80
Thomasville Orphanage	50.65
Assn. Col. Orphanage sent direct by A. C. Payne. 1920	37.28
Balance on hand Oct. 27th. 1921	353.83
Total	$884.86

E. E. LACKEY, Treasurer.

TABLE I---STATISTICAL

CHURCH	Pastor and Postoffice	Clerk and Postoffice	Time of Preaching	Value of Church Property	GAINS			LO			Number of Males	No. of Females	Total Membership
					By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death			
Antioch	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	V. W. Teague, Taylorsville	4	$ 1225	19	....	1	....	....	....	143	181	324
Bethel	L. E. Barnes, Taylorsville	J. A. Campbell, Pores Knob	2	1000	1	....	1	1	....	4	84	117	201
Bethany	J. B. Ray, Roaring River	E. E. Poole, Gilreath	1	.....	20	....	8	4	....	1	103	115	218
Bethlehem	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	Wm. W. Teague, Bentley	1	500	16	4	....	2	3	3	91	152	243
Beulah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Concord	T. E. Payne, Taylorsville	F. L. Gryder, Taylorsville	1	2000	25	3	....	2	....	4	55	111	166
Damascus	W. T. Comer, New Castle	I. A. McLain, Statesville	1	1200	6	5	....	5	....	1	102	124	226
Dover	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	M. S. Pennell, Taylorsville	4	500	4	....	1	2	....	4	73	71	144
Hiddenite	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	J. W. Hendren, Hiddenite	3	1500	7	2	....	....	....	....	24	23	47
Island Ford	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lebanon	T. E. Payne, Taylorsville	G. W. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	4	1000	....	....	....	5	....	2	46	67	113
Liledoun	B. F. Austin, Taylorsville	W. P. Jenkins, Taylorsville	2	.....	17	....	....	....	....	....	74	109	183
Linney's Grove	T. E. Payne, Taylorsville	J. F. Baker, Hiddenite	3	500	4	1	....	1	....	....	61	79	140
Little River	F. C. Watts, Purlear	N. C. Deal, Jr., Taylorsville	1	800	8	2	....	1	....	....	45	78	123
Macedonia	B. F. Austin, Taylorsville	J. M. Fox, Taylorsville	2	800	16	3	....	3	....	....	77	116	193
Mt. Olive	F. C. Watts, Purlear	J. J. Lowe, Pores Knob	3	.....	3	....	1	4	....	3	55	83	138
Mt. Hermon	T. E. Payne, Taylorsville	P. E. Johnson, Taylorsville	2	1000	13	....	2	2	....	....	40	76	116
Mt. Nebo	C. F. Friday, Taylorsville	G. L. Steele, Stony Point	3	850	12	1	1	2	....	1	51	67	118
Mt. Hebron	C. F. Friday, Taylorsville	J. S. Stephenson, Taylorsville	2	1500	9	9	....	....	....	....	....	....	87
Pilgrim	L. E. Barnes, Taylorsville	J. M. Querry, Hiddenite	4	800	5	....	....	4	....	....	87	97	184
Pleasant Grove	T. H. Williams, New Hope	J. I. W. Levan, Stony Point	4	700	8	6	....	2	....	1	37	50	87
Pleasant Hill	C. F. Friday, Taylorsville	F. S. Bowles, Taylorsville	3	1000	5	....	....	3	....	1	40	85	125
Poplar Springs	T. E. Payne, Taylorsville	W. E. Crouch, Taylorsville	4	500	1	....	....	4	7	....	64	110	174
Sulphur Springs	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	B. F. Patterson, Hiddenite	3	2000	7	....	....	1	....	2	64	123	187
Stony Point	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	A. W. Watts, Stony Point	1	2500	52	29	....	7	....	1	101	103	204
Three Forks	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville	3	1000	13	....	....	3	9	1	115	145	261
Taylorsville	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville	2	8000	3	6	....	1	....	1	44	79	123
Taylor Springs	W. T. Comer, New Castle	L. T. Younger, New Hope	3	500	33	....	....	....	....	1	63	96	159

CHURCH	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repa	Incidentals	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	Other Objects	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	TOTAL
Antioch	71 70	30 55	8 09	12 00		3 00	1 69		24 35	6 00	157 38
Bethel	40 00	1 80	22 50		7 00	1 50			9 25		82 05
Bethany	60 25	15 00			8 00	2 65			31 49	17 80	135 71
Bethlehem	100 00		35 00	22 00	84 00	1 75	12 00		20 00		274 75
Beulah											
Concord	100 00	500 00	37 57	14 47	7 77	3 75					653 46
Damascus	102 00			8 00	20 10	2 10	8 00		36 79	13 45	190 44
Dover	35 25		11 50			2 25					48 00
Hiddenite	75 45			72 00		60			11 15	40 00	238 20
Island Ford											
Lebanon	120 00		30 00		15 00	1 55					166 55
Liledoun	170 00			40 00	83 00	2 70		5 00	152 50	118 00	568 50
Linney's Grove	94 00		30 00		30 00	1 70			22 61		164 70
Little River	40 00			6 00			7 40		7 40		60 80
Macedonia	75 00		32 85			3 00					137 85
Mt. Olive	55 00	92 00	35 00			75			9 42		192 17
Mt. Hermon	76 86	104 00	16 45	6 06		1 95					205 32
Mt. Nebo		8 00		4 00		1 10			6 05	12 00	41 15
Mt. Hebron											
Pilgrim			29 55						7 25		36 80
Pleasant Grove	50 00	5 00		5 84		1 00	25 88		6 55		94 27
Pleasant Hill						1 15	10 00		7 65		18 80
Poplar Springs	75 77					1 50			3 75		81 02
Sulphur Springs	260 00		30 00			2 10			20 55	28 00	340 65
Stony Point	432 50		117 00	117 32	17 00	4 85			97 00	237 64	1023 31
Three Forks	71 20	8 45	34 00	1 00		3 00	29 00		5 25	10 00	162 00
Taylorsville	250 00	40 00	78 55	55 40		6 00			56 00	104 95	590 90
Taylor Springs	50 00				7 50	3 10			7 50	11 00	79 10
White Plains	78 35					3 00			12 07		93 42
West Hickory											
Totals	2463 33	764 80	548 06	364 13	279 37	56 05	94 07	5 00	554 58	598 84	5756 28

TABLE III—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCH	Superintendent and Postoffice	Secretary and Postoffice	No. of Schools	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Church Members in S. S.	Months Kept Open	Baptisms from Schools	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Antioch	W. A. Keller, Taylorsville	Bessie B. Little, Taylorsville, R	2	12	88	100	69	6	11	12 00				12 00
Bethel														
Bethany	J. M. Costner, Pores Knob	Emma Lee Walker, Pores Knob	1	6	88	94	60	11	10					
Bethlehem	Chas. Y. Teague, Taylorsville	F. G. Teague, Granite Falls	2	8	105	133	35	12	4	22 00				22 00
Beulah														
Concord	F. C. Lackey, Stony Point	Ora Matheson, Stony Point	2	11	152	163		9		14 47				14 47
Damascus	W. J. Paige, Statesville R 5	J. A. McLain, Statesville, R 5	1	5	50	55	40	12	5	8 00			1 00	9 00
Dover														
Hiddenite	C. H. Gryder, Hiddenite	I. N. Lackey, Hiddenite	1	8	90	98	20	12	5	72 00				72 00
Lebanon	J. M. Fortner, Taylorsville	Levi Bumgarner, Taylorsville	1	5	40	45		8						
Liledoun	J. W. Stafford, Taylorsville	S. W. Teague, Taylorsville	1	7	100	107								
Linney's Grove	Arthur Milsaps, Hiddenite	Jaunita McLain, Hiddenite	1	6	40	46		9					3 50	3 50
Little River	N. C. Deal, Taylorsville	Beth Kerley, Taylorsville	1	6	64	70	43	6	3					
Macedonia														
Mt. Olive	G. F. McNeil, Pores Knob	Mayzo Deal, Pores Knob	1	6							5 32			5 32
Mt. Hermon	L. C. Echerd, Taylorsville	W. C. Watts, Taylorsville	1	5	92	97	67	9	12	6 06	18 00	11 25		35 31
Mt. Nebo	T. P. Lackey, Stony Point	May Rector, Stony Point	1	7	63	70	40	6	6					
Mt. Hebron														
Pilgrim	W. R. Fox, New Hope	Ada Carson, Hiddenite	1	4	59	63	25	3	2					
Pleasant Grove	Ray Redmond, Stony Point	Emma Godfrey, Stony Point	1	4	35	39		6	1	5 88			3 60	8 48
Pleasant Hill														
Poplar Springs	J. N. Poole, Taylorsville	D. C. Barnes, Taylorsville	1	4	35	39	28	8						
Sulphur Springs	B. F. Patterson, Hiddenite	S. F. Cook, Hiddenite	1	7	42	49	18	12		33 87				33 87
Stony Point	A. L. Watts, Stony Point		1	8	188	196		12						
Three Forks	Jeff Rogers Taylorsville		1	6	130	136	100	8	7	1 00			5 66	6 66
Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville	Eunice Payne, Taylorsville	1	8	145	153	55	12	2	55 40		104 95		160 35
Taylor Springs	L. T. Younger, New Hope	D. L. Williams, New Hope	1	9	86	95	50	5		2 35			6 50	8 85
White Plains	J. G. Blankenship, Hiddenite	R. W. Chatham, Taylorsville	1	7	118	125	45	6	4	7 68			16 90	24 58

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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

ABERNETHY, J. A. ..... Tai An Fu, Shantung, China.
AUSTIN, B. F. ..... Pomona, N. C.
BUMGARNER, W. J. ..... R. 5, Taylorsville, N. C.
BUMGARNER, E. V. ..... R. 5, Taylorsville, N. C.
BARNES, L. E. ..... R. 5, Taylorsville, N. C.
CLINE, R. C. ..... Washington, D. C.
FRIDAY, C. F. ..... R 2, Taylorsville, N. C.
GWALTNEY, L. P. ..... Taylorsville, N. C.
GWALTNEY, J. P. ..... Hiddenite, N. C.
LINNEY, W. E. ..... Wilkesboro, N. C.
McALPINE, J. M. ..... Stony Point, N. C.
PAYNE, T. E. ..... Taylorsville, N. C.
TEAGUE, GROVER, ... Wake Forest, N. C.
WATTS, J. W. ..... Taylorsville, N. C.
WILLIAMS, T. H. ..... Statesville, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

Macedonia Baptist Church,
Taylorsville, N. C., Route 2.
October 5, 1922.

The Alexander Baptist Association convened in its thirty-fifth annual session with Macedonia Church today.

Introductory sermon by Elder L. E. Barnes. Text: Ezra, 8-21 and 1st Cor. 12-31.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After a short song service the Association was called to order by the Moderator and led in Prayer by Elder M. L. Kesler.

Letters were called for and brethren A. L. Watts and E. V. Bumgarner were asked to read them.

Messengers were enrolled as follows:

Three Forks—R. B. McLeod, J. M. Jones, B. M. Harrington.
Dover—M. S. Pennel, W. S. Robinette, R. A. Pennel.
Bethel—J. A. Campbell, Floyd Barnette, Judson Smith.
White Plains—G. M. Grant, H. A. Childers, R. P. Brown.
Mt. Hermon—P. E. Johnson, J. O. Brookshire, Levi W. Teague.
Macedonia—J. E. Chatham, J. M. Fox, A. M. Stafford.
Little River—N. C. Deal, Jr., J. F. Rogers, L. W. Robinette.
Damascus—I. N. McLain, W. E. Shaver, R. N. Sloan.
Bethany—E. E. Poole, F. P. Hendren, J. M. Costner.
Liledoun—G. B. Pennel, J. W. Stafford, Luther Austin.
Lebanon—J. M. Fortner, E. E. Kerley, W. A. Sweet.
Taylorsville—A. C. Payne, J. C. Bell, C. E Echerd.
Sulphur Springs—I. N. Lackey, A. B. Lackey, Z. B. Sharpe.
Stony Point—A. L. Watts, C. L. Parker, Roy Rufty.
Pilgrim—J. M. Querry, Gordon Mayberry, Glover Mayberry.
Pleasant Hill—F. S. Bowles, John Munday, J. W. Pharr.
Concord—N. B. Martin, F. C. Lackey, J. F. Gant.
Mt. Olive—R. A. Shuping, R. T. Lowe, R. C. Davis.
Mt. Hebron—J. S. Stephenson, J. B. Goforth, J. C. Clanton.

Bethlehem—Moses A. Teague, Van W. Teague, Wm. W. Teague.

Poplar Springs—Butler Chapman, T. J. Crouch, W. C. Brookshire.

Election of officers being next in order, on motion of Elder W. J. Bumgarner the present incumbent officers, were elected by acclamation, to wit:

J. L. Gwaltney, Moderator
R. W. Chatham, Clerk
E. E. Lackey, Treas.
A. C. Payne, Historian

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Devotional Exercises—Elder J. W. Watts and messengers from Macedonia Church.

Nominations—Elders W. J. Bumgarner, C. F. Friday and Brother E. E. Poole.

Digest of Church Letters—Brethren J. E. Chatham, P. E. Johnson, E. A. Shaver.

Vacancies on standing Committees were filled as follows:

Missions—Elders J. F. Davis and J. W. Watts.

By motion the reading of the Constitution and By-Laws was dispensed with and the following order of business adopted:

Prayer meeting 9:30 A. M.
Business session 10:00 A. M.
Sermon 11 A. M.
Resume business at 1:00 P. M.
Adjourn at will.

New Churches being called for, Brother A. M. Bumgarner presented a letter from the Elizabeth Baptist Church of Charlotte asking for admission. The Church was glady received and Brethren A. M. Bumgarner, J. M. Meadows, and J. C. Painter enrolled as messengers.

Brother J. P. Hendren presented a letter from Fair View Baptist Church, newly organized, which was received and Brethren J. P. Hendren, T. L. Querry and Clay Hendren enrolled as messengers.

Visiting Brethren being called for the following responded and were cordially welcomed by the Moderator:

Elder M. L. Kesler from Thomasville Orphanage, Elder W. R. Beach of the Biblical Recorder, Elder J. F. Davis from Barnwell Association, S. C., and Elder R. Lee Davis from South Yadkin Association.

The Moderator called for report of standing Committees. Brother W. E. White read the Report on Sunday Schools, discussion of which was deferred by request until Sunday morning.

The Choir then sang "In The Garden" after which Elder M. L. Kesler addressed the Association in behalf of Child Welfare and the Baptist Orpanage at Thomasville.

A collection for the Orphanage was taken and $29.41 realized.

Committee on Devotional Exerises reports as follows:

Prayer Meeting tomorrow at 9:30 by Rev. J. S. Stephenson.

Sermon at 11:00 by Elder W. R. Beach.

Adjourned with Prayer by Elder W. R. Beach.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Prayer meeting conducted by Rev. J. S. Stephenson at 9:30. Lesson: St. John 1-14. Followed with talk by Elder J. F. Davis.

The Association was called to order at 10 o'clock by the Moderator and the minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

Delinquent churches were called for and the following churches and messengers were enrolled:

Pleasant Grove—R. L. Levan, J. L. Childers, R. S. Redmond, J. W. Levan.

Linney's Grove—J. F. Baker, A. E. Milsaps, C. J. Gwaltney.

Taylor Springs: L. T. Young, L. C. Redmond, Bloom Williams.

Visiting Brethren were called for and the following came forward and were cordially welcomed to a seat with us:

Elder W. C. Meadows from the Brushy Mountain Association, Brother J. R. Swanson, and Brother J. A. Bolden from Caldwell Association.

The report of Committee on Fundamental Doctrines

was called for and Elder E. V. Bumgarner read the report which after being spoken to by Elder E. V. Bumgarner was left open for further consideration at the evening session.

Time for preaching having arrived Elder W. R. Beach delivered a strong sermon on the subject of Soul Winning, Text: Proverbs 11-30.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

After song service the Association resumed business with the Report on Fundamental Doctrines under consideration and Elders J. P. Gwaltney and W. C. Meadows addressed the Association. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES

That we are living in perilous times is evident on every side. We read it in God's Word; We see it in both Church and State. Every passing breeze brings to our ears the strife of contending Nations and the clash of resounding arms. Universal ruin threatens to drive her plowshare over all creation. But the most imminent peril of our day and the greatest menace to peace and safety come from a determined assault upon or a studious disregard of those Fundamental Doctrines which in revelation form the ground work of our religious system and underlie the salvation of every soul of our lost race. In fact an effort has been made to blot out all lines of demarkation and establish in their stead a doctrineless Christianity.

In view of the deep unrest in the religeous thought of our day and in the perturbed condition of affairs all over the world we sincerely believe that pronounced and persistent emphasis should be placed on the Inspiration, Authority and Integrity of the Bible as the word of God, the Diety of Jesus Christ, His vicarious atonement for sin, the universal depravity of man, repentance toward God as the initial step in salvation and regeneration by the self existent Spirit as a pre-requisite to a life of holiness without which no man shall see the Lord.

We are decidedly of the convicition that only on such a basis can the Church succeed in her mission to a lost world, and the gospel of Christ be propagated to His glory and according to His own will.

We urge therefore that these doctrines be proclaimed with trumpet tongue and in thunder tones, and that this association

cling to them with an unyielding tenacity. "If the trumpet gives an uncertain sound who shall prepare himself for the battle?" Again; "If the foundations be destroyed what can the righteous do?" Psa. 11-3.

"Take heed unto thyself and to the doctrine; continue in them, for if thou do this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee", Paul to Timothy.

E. V. BUMGARNER,
J. P. GWALTNEY,
Committee.

A resolution introduced by Elder W. C. Meadows condemning the teaching of evolution in our system of education was discussed and unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION

The Alexander Association in regular session this 6th day of October 1922, to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, greeting:

Whereas there is being taught in some of our colleges and high schools the theory of evolution with all its demoralizing and harmful effects upon the young people of our country, weakening their faith, destroying their confidence in God and in His Word. leading to infidelity and ultimate rejection of God, and which, if permitted to spread its pernicious influence will undermine our system of Christianity and our long cherished devotion to God and to His Word, and whereas these colleges and high schools are supported by voluntary contributions from the Baptists of North Carolina, we feel that we have a God-given right to determine what shall be or what shall not be taught in these schools and imparted to our boys and girls.

Now, therefore, we most urgently petition our said Convention that it may order that the report of the Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention at Jacksonville be carried out, viz., "That in our opinion a person can not believe in the theory of evolution as taught today and in the Bible, and we advise all our boards of education to select text books on science which are in accord with the teachings of the Bible." Therefore, we ask that there shall be eliminated from our schools and colleges any teaching of the theory of evolution with all its attendant evils. Be it resolved further, that we reaffirm our belief in and loyalty to the Bible as a whole from beginning to end as being the Word of God.

Prophecy came not by the will of man, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. We believe that

the Bible is the positive declaration of God's will to man, and if we repudiate a single word of it and say the writing of Moses is only a myth we thereby repudiate the writing of Isaiah, Malachi, Paul, Peter and of Jesus Christ Himself who endorsed Moses as one of the prophets then we have left only a "scrap of paper" held in derision and hissed at by many of our young people who are glady looking for any pretext to reject the Bible. These are to be the teachers of our schools in the future, and if this tendency is not checked in some way the next generation of our people will have no reverence nor regard for God or His Word, and with this goes all regard for law and order. Of what value is the oath of one who does not believe in God?

Now brethren believing as we do that ninety per cent of the Baptists of North Carolina do not believe in evolution as it is taught today, we feel that the great body of the Baptist State Convention can not afford to shackle the liberties of the more than three hundred thousand Baptists of the State of appropriating their money to propagate a thing in which they do not believe. Therefore, we confidently believe and expect that you will rise to the great responsibility of the hour, and let the great majority of the Baptists of North Carolina be heard, and thus grant our most urgent request.

The Foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Alexander Association at the regular session October 6th, 1922.

J. L. GWALTNEY, Moderator.
R. W. CHATHAM, Clerk.

The report on temperance was read by Elder T. H. Williams and after discussion by Elder T. H. Williams, Rev. L. T. Younger and Brother A. C. Payne was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Temperance is the moderate use of things necessary and useful and not the abuse of. Intemperance is just the opposite. Paul says: "He that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things." 1st Cor. 9-25. We may be intemperate in our dress, "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel" 1st Peter 3-3.

We may be intemperate in our conversation, we may be intemperate in our manner of living and in our eating.

Your Committee would urge that preachers and teachers in their work among the people would do what they can in warning the young people against the awful evil of cigarette smoking. We

feel it the duty of every good citizens to obey the law and especially church members should not only by word but by act, stand for the enforcement of the prohibition laws. Preachers, teachers and officers should not only be examples of temperance but should work together in enforcing the laws, in putting down evil because it is evil and never for any other purpose.

T. H. WILLIAMS,
A. C. PAYNE,
Committee.

The report on Church and Pastoral Relations was read by Elder R. Lee Davis and discussed by Elders R. Lee Davis, J. F. Davis, J. P. Gwaltney and Brother J. A. Bolden. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATION

Mutual Love, together with love for the Kingdom, must be the first principal of any successful pastorate and like the love of parent and child this will solve all the problems of pastor and people. Love for his people will make the pastor think less of the business side of his calling and like a father for his child he is willing to suffer, if need be, for the flock even to the extent of laboring, as Paul did, with his hands for his support; thinking more of the flock than of the fleece; and of the Kingdom than of his personal wishes.

This side of the pastor's relation to his people is being sadly neglected by some; and the other unduly pressed. The result is a grave danger we are facing, a mercenary pulpit.

The pastor who is not willing to make great sacrifices to preach ought to give it up and do something else. Paul warns us against such in his farewell address to the Elders, or pastors, from Ephesus, Acts 20-29 "For I know that after my departing shall grevious wolves enter in among you not sparing the flock."

But we make a grave mistake if we stress the pastor's duty to make sacrifices and say nothing about the church's duty. That is his privilege but the church has no right to expect him to serve them and support himself. God's word is plain to His people in this. "Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn."—"Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should" (not shall) "live of the gospel," 1st Cor. 9:9-14. Yes, it is the people's duty to support the pastor "In equality" see 2nd Cor.8:13-14. If the pastor makes sacrifices for the church, certainly the church, and each individual member, must make sacrifices for the pastor's support.

There must be love by the people for the pastor, as well as love by the pastor for the people or else the relation is not natural and should be severed at once. The church that is not willing to meet the pastor half way in sacrifices does not love him as it should and the pastor is justified in resigning; not because they do not give him enough, but because they do not love him as proven by their gifts.

We are glad to see a more liberal spirit manifested by our churches to the pastors but we, your committee, urge a much more liberal support, especially by those who are in better financial condition than the pastor. We also urge that the pastor be not allowed to leave the church, each appointment without a liberal contribution to enable him to give more time to reading and study which he must do if he would preach acceptably. Let the people lay by "In store" for this offering so that they may "Be ready when he comes."

Respectfully submitted,

R. LEE DAVIS,
J. L. GWALTNEY,
Committee.

Elder W. R. Beach addressed the Association in the interest of the Biblical Recorder, and Elder W. J. Bumgarner urged the attention and support of Alexander Baptists to the Fore-Runner, a Baptist Missionary paper published at Decator, Ga.

The report on Nominations was read by Brother E. E. Poole and adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

Your Committee reports the following:

Fundamental Doctrines—T. H. Williams, J. W. Watts.

Temperance—W. E. White, J. W. Pharr.

Church and Pastoral Relations—A. C. Payne, W. W. Teague.

Spirituality of the Churches—C. F. Friday, J. S. Stephenson, L. E. Barnes.

Missions—E.V. Bumgarner, T. E. Payne.

Duties to the Poor—J. M. McAlpine, Levi Teague.

Sunday Schools—J. L. Gwaltney, J. E. Chatham.

Messengers to Associations:

Caldwell—J.B. Echerd.

Briar Creek—E. E. Poole.

South Yadkin—T. H. Williams.

Time of next meeting—Thursday before the second Sunday in October 1923.

Place—Bethany Church.

Introductory Sermon—J. W. Watts.

Alternate—J. M. McAlpine.

W. J. BUMGARNER,
C. F. FRIDAY,
E. E. POOLE,
Committee.

Committee on Devotional Exercises reports for tomorrow:

Prayer Meeting at 9:30, conducted by Rev. J. W. Pharr.
Sermon at 11:00 by Elder J. F. Davis.

The Association adjourned to the hour of prayer meeting tomorrow with Benediction by Rev. W. C. Meadows.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The usual morning prayer meeting was dispensed with and the Association was opened with prayer by Elder J. F. Davis. Minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

Delinquent churches being called for the following letters were presented and messengers enrolled:

Mt. Nebo—G. L. Steele, J.T. Christopher, W. Q. Blankenship.
Hiddenite—Fred Abernethy, J. C. Thomas, Leach Gooden.

Vacancies on standing Committees were filled as follows: J. W. Hendren, in the absence of D. W. Poole, on Duties to the Poor.

Report of the Committee on Spirituality of the Churches as reported by Elder W. J. Bumgarner was addressed by Elders W.J. Bumgarner, J. F. Davis, and J. P. Gwaltney. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON SPIRITUALITY OF THE CHURCHES

This may seem, to some people, rather a strange report. Why not use the time for something more practical; as education, missions, periodicals, etc? We might answer: Because the Kingdom of God is spiritual. The work of the church is spiritual and in order that the church carry out her spiritual mission, her subjects must be Spirit born and Spirit panoplied. Especially her

ministers must be equipped by the Spirit of God. "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, they are foolishness unto him, neither can he know them because they are Spiritually discerned." 1 Cor. 2-14. David said; "Open thou mine eyes that I may behold wonderous things out of thy law." Ps. 119-18. The disciples of Jesus could not understand the nature of His Kingdom until they had the eyes of their understanding opened. The Spirit then must be the interpreter of the word in order to a correct understanding of the word. Notwithstanding, the disciples had been with Jesus and under his command for three years, they were not ready for the work till they were filled with the spirit. We greatly fear that the Spirit of the living God, He who was the guide into all truth, He who was to abide with you forever is being ignored today and the wisdom of men is being substituted for the work of the Spirit. There are times that we should wait upon the Lord. Man can no more save a Soul than he can divide the Red Sea. The children of Israel came up to the Red Sea; there was no way of deliverance until God opened the way. In due time the way was opened and soon Israel was rejoicing on the opposite shore of the Red Sea. When a soul is to be born unto God we can only wait and pray until the Holy Spirit does the work, then God's people rejoice, and we are told take the reins in their own hands and simply tell the penitent that there is joy among the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth. Many ministers today, like King Saul, get impatient and or the impenitent to stand up and confess Christ, and call that act conversion. God does not want the confession of devils or the unregenerate. Some are so anxious to count numbers or make a glowing report that they will try to frighten the children by saying, stand up and make confession or sit still and let the Old Devil come up and get you. The publican, we remember, said "God be merciful to me a sinner." God heard his prayer and saved him. "If we confess our sins He is just and faithful to forgive and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Wait upon the Lord, and again I say, wait upon the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. BUMGARNER,
T. E. PAYNE,
Committee

Time for preaching having arrived Elder J. F. Davis occupied the hour with Sermon. Text. Rev. 1:5-6.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Delinquent churches and messengers were reported

as follows: Antioch—V. W. Teague, W. A. Hollar, E. L. Johnson.

The report on Missions, presented by the committee and addressed by Elders J. F. Davis, W. J. Bumgarner, and E. V. Bumgarner was adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

Our Mission work is divided for convenience sake into three departments: State, Home and Foreign. The Lord seems to have had something like this in His mind when he said: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem, all Judea, Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth".

State Missions is important as a base of supplies for the work out yonder, beside our duty to preach the gospel to our neighbors. The Lord said to the healed maniac of Gadara "Go home to thy friends and tell them how great things God hath done for thee."

Home Missions is the effort to evangelize the foreigners who come to our shores, believing as we do that if we do not Christianize them they will heathenize us.

Foreign Missions is giving the gospel to the destitute sections of the world where men are lost in heathenish darkness and will go at last to an eternal hell if the gospel is not given to them. Oh for men who love the Lord with such intense devotion that they will give of their means or will go themselves to the parts of the world where the Lord is not known and preach the gospel to them.

J. W. WATTS,
J. F. DAVIS,
Committee.

The report on Duties to the Poor was presented and read by Brother J. W. Hendren and after discussion was adopted.

REPORT ON DUTIES TO THE POOR

Our Savior on one occasion, in answer to a question, said: "The poor ye have with you always and when ye will ye may do them good." We rejoice that we live in this day when the principles of our Divine Master have so permeated the masses of the human family that institutions are provided for the care of the poor in every county: but this provision does not exempt the Church of the living God from providing for the helpless poor of its own church.

The spirit of Christianity has prompted the Baptist of North Carolina to build and equip a home at Thomasville for the fath-

erless and motherless children of our deceased brethren. We are rejoiced to know that the appointments are such our orphans are trained for time and eternity.

We pray for the widows and orphans; we believe that it is right that they should be cared for but, brethren, James says, "Faith without works is dead," Let us bear a liberal part of this great work. See Deut. 15-11; Acts, 6:1-6.

Respectfully Submitted.

J. W. HENDREN,
J. W. WATTS,
Committee.

The report on Digest of Church Letters was read by Brother J. E. Chatham. Adopted.

REPORT ON DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS

There are thirty two churches in the Alexander Baptist Association. Thirty of which are represented at this session. These 30 churches show a total membership of 4702, with church property valued at $25,400; 231 Baptisms, 92 additions by letter, 3 by statement and 11 by restoration. Lost, by letter, 128, by exclusion 7, by death 41.

Ninteen churches report Pastor's salary aggregating $2,434.43. incidental expenses $88.57, Building and repairs $1,262.43, Ministerial help $712.84, The poor $431.55, Foreign Missions $400.90, State Missions $23.24, Orphanage $503.22, Minute fund $62.02.

Twenty five Sunday Schools reported with a total enrollment of 2115, expenses aggregating $380.63.

J. E. CHATHAM,
For Committee.

The report of treasurer, Brother E. E. Lackey, was read and adopted.

REPORT OF MESSENGERS TO OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

Elder T. H. Williams reported a splendid session at Briar Creek Association.

MISCELLANEOUS.

By motion of Elder E. V. Bumgarner the Moderator was authorized to name a committee to draft a new and shorter form of Associational Letter. Elder E. V. Bumgarner, Brethren J. E. Chatham and R. W .Chatham were appointed on said committee.

Motion carried directing Brother A. C. Payne, Special Trustee of the Taylorsville U. B. I., to collect all moneys due trustees

and place on interest for report to next session of the Association.

On motion of Elder T. H. Williams a vote of thanks was accorded the people of Macedonia for the cordial reception and entertainment given the various messengers.

The committee on devotional exercises reported: Sermon at 11 o'clock tomorrow by Elder E. V. Bumgarner followed by Elder J. P. Gwaltney. Adjourned with prayer by Elder J. F. Davis.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

After song service the session was opened with prayer by Brother Mon Fortner.

The deferred report on Sunday Schools was re-read and after being discussed by Brethren W. E. White, Wm. W. Teague, W. A. Keller and Elder J. F. Davis adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

"And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up, and He entered as His custom was, into the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read" Luke 4:16.

Robert Raikes established his "Ragged school" in 1780. When he died in 1811, the Sunday school enrollment was 400,000. The American Sunday school Union, of all denominations, except Catholic, was formed in 1824, the uniform lesson system was started in 1872. The International Lesson was started in 1875 and became world wide in 1889. The World Conference was held at Zurich, Switzerland in 1913, and from information gathered there, the world enrollment was placed at 27,000,000, and this did not include the Roman Catholic parochial schools. That was nine years ago. It is now at least 30,000,000. These are large figures; but the figures on the other side are much larger. The population of the United States alone is over 100,000,000.

The work will go on; not by spasmodic spurts; but by continual patient effort, "Line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little." "The seed is the word," and by and by the harvest. Who will share in the glory of the harvest home?

W. E. WHITE,
For Committee.

At the 11 o'clock service Elder E. V. Bumgarner delivered a strong sermon from Rev. 12:11 which was fol-

lowed by a very tender address from Elder J. P. Gwaltney, who by way of closing invited the congregation to stand and sing, with Brother Mon Fortner leading, "The Lone Pilgrim" and a general hand shake was given. Benediction by Elder J. F. Davis closed a very interesting and uplifting session of the Alexander Baptist Association.

J. L. GWALTNEY,
Moderator.
R. W. CHATHAM,
Clerk.

REPORT OF TREASURER

Covering period from Oct. 27, 1921, to Oct. 27, 1922.

	Missions	Orphanage
Balance on hand Oct. 27th, 1921	353 83	
Sulphur Springs	33 03	36 25
Zion Hill	15 25	
Pleasant Hill	7 66	
Bethany	29 07	
Damascus	29 00	
Poplar Springs	3 35	1 30
Linneys Grove	31 27	17 45
Antioch	13 76	
White Plains	8 89	5 00
Macedonia	20 00	
Mt. Hermon	8 80	13 53
Mt. Nebo	12 10	3 54
Pilgrim	8 00	
Pleasant Grove	10 00	
Dover	3 25	
Taylor Springs	10 00	
Bethel	8 06	
Lebanon	58 00	10 00
Liledoun	3 50	
Stony Point	25 00	
Mt. Olive	17 30	
Hiddenite	3 00	
C. S. Holten	25 00	
Assn. Collection		29 41
Assn. Collection	61 16	
Total	798 28	116 48

Total Collections $914.76

Checks to T. L. Blalock $442.28

Checks to Thomasville Orphanage 77.07

Balance on hand 395.41

E. E. LACKEY, Treasurer.

TABLE I—STATISTICAL

CHURCHES	Pastors and Postoffice	Clerks and Postoffice	Days Meeting	Gains				Losses			Total Present Members	Total Value all Church Property
				Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Deaths		
Antioch	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	V. W. Teague, Taylorsville	4	12	2	....	1	11	....	6	322	1200
Bethel	L. E. Barnes, Taylorsville	J. A. Campbell, Pores Knob	2	2	....	....	2	7	....	1	192	1000
Bethany	J. N. Binkley, Houstonville	E. E. Poole, Gilreath	1	1	1	....	....	8	....	2	207	.....
Bethlehem	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	Wm. W. Teague, Bentley	1	20	2	1	....	2	....	1	262	2000
Beulah			....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Concord	T. E. Payne, Taylorsville	F. L. Gryder, Taylorsville	1	10	2	....	....	3	....	3	172	2000
Damascus	W. T. Comer, New Castle	I. A. McLain, Statesville	1	1	....	....	2	8	1	2	221	1500
Dover	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	M. C. Pennell, Taylorsville	4	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	145	1000
Elizabeth	E. E. Payne, Taylorsville	J. C. Painter, Charlotte	2	17	9	1	1	3	....	2	108	.....
Fair View	L. E. Barnes, Taylorsville	T. L. Querry, Hiddenite	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	18	.....
Hiddenite	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	J. W. Hendren, Hiddenite	3	2	1	....	....	2	....	....	43	1500
Island Ford			....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Lebanon	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	G. W. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	4	3	....	....	....	3	1	....	112	1000
Liledoun	L. P. Gwaltney, Taylorsville	G. B. Pennell, Taylorsville	2	16	....	....	....	5	2	....	192	800
Linney's Grove	T. E. Payne, Taylorsville	J. F. Baker, Hiddenite	3	10	....	....	2	....	1	1	150	1000
Little River	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	N. C. Deal, Jr., Taylorsville	1	....	1	....	....	....	....	3	121	800
Macedonia		J. M. Fox, Taylorsville	2	17	6	....	....	17	....	3	196	800
Mt. Olive	J. M. McAlpine, Stony Point	J. J. Lowe, Pores Knob	3	8	....	....	1	4	....	....	142	2000
Mt Hebron	J. M. McAlpine, Stony Point	J. S. Stephenson, Taylorsville	4	7	1	....	....	....	....	....	95	1000
Mt. Hermon	T. E. Payne, Taylorsville	P. E. Johnson, Taylorsville	4	11	4	....	....	....	....	....	131	1000
Mt. Nebo	C. F. Friday, Taylorsville	G. L. Steele, Stony Point	3	5	....	....	....	10	3	....	105	850
Pilgrim	L. E. Barnes, Taylorsville	J. M. Querry, Hiddenite	4	9	2	....	....	16	....	2	179	800
Pleasant Grove	T. H. Williams, Statesville	J. I. W. Levan, Stony Point	4	5	....	....	....	2	....	1	78	850
Pleasant Hill	C. F. Friday, Taylorsville	F. S. Bowles, Taylorsville	4	2	....	....	....	2	....	....	134	1000
Poplar Springs	S. I. Watts, Boomer	W. E. Crouch, Taylorsville	1	4	....	....	2	7	....	2	160	500
Sulphur Springs	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	S. F. Cook, Hiddenite	3	9	8	....	....	4	....	1	199	2000
Stony Point	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	A. W. White, Stony Point	1	....	....	....	....	4	....	1	200	.....
Three Forks	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville	3	6	1	....	....	2	....	2	263	1000
Taylorsville	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville	2	39	33	1	....	2	....	2	192	10000

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. Expens	The Poor	Minute Fund	Other Objects	Ministerial Help	Foreign Miss	State Missions	Orphanage	TOTAL
Antioch	100 00	11 00	2 25	13 25	18 00	2 00		34 00	13 67		6 66	200 93
Bethel		21 45				1 70		22 05	8 06	7 04		60 30
Bethany	60 00	75 00				1 95		33 00	28 06		15 00	213 01
Bethlehem	100 00	5 00	47 00		13 65	2 20	16 00		19 19		9 40	212 44
Beulah												
Concord	85 00					85		48 59				134 44
Damascus	120 00					2 10		32 25	42 75		8 87	205 97
Dover	20 00				7 00	2 00		23 00	3 25			55 25
Elizabeth	242 00					5 20		20 00	28 65		74 00	369 85
Fair View						1 00						1 00
Hiddenite	127 85	75 00				1 60		36 00	3 00		37 25	280 70
Island Ford												
Lebanon	120 00					2 80		51 00	83 00		25 00	281 80
Liledoun	104 73			24 81	389 60	1 62		10 00	3 50			534 26
Linney's Grove	117 75					1 65		25 00	31 35			175 75
Little River	67 92	2 00		6 70		1 50		27 63	2 00			157 75
Macedonia						2 55						2 55
Mt. Olive	70 00	50 00		12 25		2 00	17 75	37 50	17 30			206 80
Mt Hebron	24 15					1 50		17 38				43 03
Mt. Hermon	120 05					90		35 35			8 80	165 10
Mt. Nebo						1 00			12 00		10 00	23 00
Pilgrim						1 40		22 00	8 00			31 40
Pleasant Grove		150 00		6 00		1 50	6 75	25 00	10 00			199 25
Pleasant Hill						1 45		20 00	9 05			30 50
Poplar Springs						1 50			3 35			4 85
Sulphur Springs	171 25			31 95		2 25			33 53		36 25	275 23
Stony Point	400 00			95 76	51 50	4 15			25 00		167 97	744 38
Three Forks	87 50					2 15		38 77	17 25		11 00	156 67
Taylorsville	264 00	988 98	83 20	123 11	3 50	6 00	31 67	131 10		16 20	81 52	1725 78
Taylor Springs	75 00					3 00	7 25		10 00		12 60	111 35
White Plains	100 00		2 75			2 50		25 00	23 45			153 70
West Hickory												
TOTAL	2577 20	1378 43	135 20	313 93	483 25	62 02	79 42	714 62	435 41	23 24	504 32	6707 04

TABLE III—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCH	Superintendent and Postoffice	Secretary and Postoffice	No. of Schools	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrolled	Average attendance for the year.	Contributed to Local Expenses	Contributed to Missions
Antioch	M. V. Davis, Taylorsville	Charlie Caldwell, Taylorsville	1	12	133	82	13 35	
Bethel	S. Campbell, Taylorsville		1	3	60	35		
Bethany	F. P. Hendren, Pores Knob	Emma Lee Walker, Pores Knob	1	6	105			
Bethlehem			3					
Beulah								
Concord	F. C. Lackey, Stony Point	Mrs. Ora Matheson, Stony Point	1	9	171	90	11 31	
Damascus	W. J. Page, Statesville	R. J. Sloan, Statesville, R. 5	1					
Dover								
Elizabeth	A. E. Barneycastle, Charlotte	T. M. Meadows, Charlotte	1	9	150	91		
Fair View								
Hiddenite	J. J. Poole, Hiddenite	I. N. Lackey, Hiddenite	1	10	132	75	61 18	
Island Ford								
Lebanon	J. M. Fortner, Taylorsville		1					
Liledoun	J. W. Stafford, Taylorsville	Webster Teague, Taylorsville	1	4		53	24 81	
Linney's Grove	A. E. Millsaps, Hiddenite	Jaunita Linney, Hiddenite	1	6	52	35		
Little River	N. C. Deal, Jr., Taylorsville	Beth Kerley, Taylorsville	1	5	72	25	6 70	
Macedonia								
Mt. Olive	R. A. Shuping, Taylorsville	R. T. Lowe, Pores Knob	1	5	47	20	12 25	17 75
Mt Hebron								
Mt. Hermon	L. C. Echerd, Taylorsville	Miss Anna Herman, Taylorsville	2	12	130	100	16 45	
Mt. Nebo	G. L. Steele, Stony Point	Lundie Steele, Stony Point	1	8	82	40		
Pilgrim								
Pleasant Grove	R. L. Levan, Stony Point	Miss Nonie Childers, Stony Point		7	60	50	6 00	
Pleasant Hill	J. W. Pharr, Taylorsville	Jeffie Daniel, Taylorsville	1					
Poplar Springs	J. N. Poole, Taylorsville	W. E. Crouch, Taylorsville	1	5	68	40	2 00	
Sulphur Springs	B. F. Patterson, Hiddenite	J. C. Sharpe, Hiddenite	1	7	51	35	31 95	
Stony Point	A. L. Watts, Stony Point		1	10	185		95 76	
Three Forks	R. S. Barnes, Taylorsville	Albert Barnes, Taylorsville	1	9	130	100		4 00
Taylorsville	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville	1	10	240	145	123 11	
Taylor Springs	L. T. Younger, New Hope	Bloom Williams, Jennings	2	12	150	100		
White Plains	J. G. Chatham, Taylorsville		1	6	87	65		
West Hickory								
		TOTAL						

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BUMGARNER, W. J. ..... R. 5, Taylorsville, N. C.

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BARNES, L. E. ..... R. 5, Taylorsville, N. C.

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FRIDAY, C. F. ..... R. 2, Taylorsville, N. C.

GWALTNEY, L. P. ..... Taylorsville, N. C.

GWALTNEY, J. P. ..... Hiddenite, N. C.

LINNEY, W. E. ..... Wilkesboro, N. C.

McALPINE, J. M. ..... Stony Point, N. C.

PAYNE, T. E. ..... Taylorsville, N. C.

STEPHENSON, J. S. ..... Taylorsville, N. C.

WATTS, J. W. ..... Taylorsville, N. C.

WILLIAMS, T. H. ..... Statesville, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

Bethany Baptist Church,
Thursday, Oct. 11th, 1923.

The Alexander Baptist Association met in its thirty-sixth annual session with this church today.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. W. Watts. Text: Acts, 6:4.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder J. M. McAlpine.

Letters from the various churches were called for and brethren A. C. Payne and E. V. Bumgarner were requested to read them.

Messengers were then enrolled as follows:

Little River—N. C. Deal, T. C. Webster, W. L. Kerley.
Mt. Hebron—J. S. Stephenson, J. B. Goforth.
Taylorsville—A. C. Payne, J. C. Bell, H. T. Campbell.
Damascus—I. A. McLain, A. C. Jones, R. C. Bowles.
Taylor Springs—L. T. Younger, R. D. Williams, L. C. Redmond.
Concord—F. L. Gryder, F. C. Lackey, N. R. Martin.
Fair View—J. P. Hendren, W. L. Lowe, W. B. Hendren.
White Plains—G. M. Grant, Sherman Childers, L. C. Boston.
Liledoun—G. B. Pennell, Cloud Chapman, Chester Smith.
Pleasant Grove—J. I. W. Levan, J. W. Baker, P. M. Godfrey.
Pleasant Hill—F. S. Bowles, J. Z. Harrington, J. W. Pharr.
Bethany—E. E. Pool, E. C. Moore, W. J. Moore.
Bethel—J. A. Campbell, J. W. Barnett, J. A. Costner.
Island Ford—Represented by letter.
Sulphur Springs—R. H. Gooden, Kirby Lackey, S. F. Cook.
Pilgrim—J. M. Query, David Millsaps, Gordon Mayberry.
Stony Point—W. F. Baker, D. M. Mayberry, A. W. White.
Hiddenitte—J. C. Thomas, D. F. Milstead, D. R. Wike.
Elizabeth—J. C. Painter, L. H. Painter, P. B. Barnes.
Lebanon—J. M. Fortner, W. A. Sweet, G. W. Bumgarner.
Mt. Nebo—L. B. Smith, J. W. Morrison, J. T. Christopher.
Antioch—R. L. Downs.
Linney's Grove—J. F. Baker, W. C. Linney, J. S. Bowles.
Mt. Olive—R. T. Lowe, T. S. Deal.
Poplar Springs—W. E. Crouch, J. N. Pool, C. W. Brookshire.
Macedonia—J. M. Fox, D. A. Carrigan, J. E. Chatham.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION

On motion the following officers were elected by acclamation, to wit:

J. L. GWALTNEY, Moderator.
R. L. DOWNS, Clerk.
E. E. LACKEY, Treasurer.
A. C. PAYNE, Historian.

The Moderator then announced the following Committees:

Nominations—E. V. Bumgarner, J. M. McAlpine, J. T. Christopher.

Digest of church letters—I. A. McLain, A. W. White, H. T. Campbell.

Devotional Exercises—Pastor and Messengers of Bethany church.

Elder W J. Bumgarner was appointed to a vacancy on committee on Spirituality of the Churches.

Visitors were then called for and the following brethren responded and were welcomed to seats by the Moderator:

Elders T. L. Blalock, Foreign Missionary; D. W. Pool, Pilot Mountain Association; A. W. Wilcox, South Yadkin and Brother A. K. Beaty, Briar Creek.

Reading Constitution and By-Laws was dispensed with.

The following order of procedure was adopted:

Prayer Meeting 9:30 A. M.
Business Session 10:00 A. M.
Sermon 11:00 A. M.
Intermission.
Resume Business at 1:00 P. M.
Adjourn at will.

Reports of standing Committees were then called for and the Clerk read the report on Temperance. Pending its adoption speeches were made by Brother J. W. Pharr and Elders T. L. Blalock, W. J. Bumgarner, J. M. McAlpine, D. W. Pool, J. P. Gwaltney and Brother A. C. Payne.

The report was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Intoxicating beverages are out-lawed now, but powerful interests, moneyed and otherwise, are using every means within their power to render enforcement acts of no effect The government of the great State of New York has gone on record against

prohibition by repealing the State enforcement laws. Vessels from other nations, at least sailing other flags, anchor just out side the maritime limits of the United States laden with alcoholic liquors ready to make a dash for the shores whenever opportunity occurs. The opponents of prohibition sneeringly say that men cannot be "lawed" into morality. Their very assertion should be admonition to Baptist churches to multiply their efforts to reach all mankind with the "Way, the Truth and the Life".

The danger of alcoholic beverages is in the fact that alcohol in the human system acts specifically on the brain and deranges and dethrones man's reasoning powers and makes him the most dangerous animal in existence.

All true Christian influence and endeavor is on the side of safety.

W. E. WHITE,

Committee.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported as follows:

That, Dr. C. E. Maddry, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, be given the hour of 11 o'clock tomorrow to address the Association.

Prayer meeting to be conducted by Elder J. S. Stephenson.

Adjourned with prayer by Elder T. E. Payne.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Met as per adjournment. Prayer meeting conducted by Elder J. H. Boggs. Lesson: Acts 2. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Visiting brethren were then called for and Dr. C. E. Maddry, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, Elder J. H. Boggs of Hickory and Brother W. L. Griggs of North Wilkesboro responded and were cordially welcomed to seats with us.

Last years report on Church and Pastoral Relations was read by Elder D. W. Pool and after being discussed by Elders D. W. Pool and J. P. Gwaltney was adopted.

REPORT ON CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATIONS

Mutual Love, together with love for the Kingdom, must be the first principal of any successful pastorate and like the love of parent and child this will solve all the problems of pastor and people. Love for his people will make the pastor think less of the business side of his calling and like a father for his child he is willing to suffer, if need be, for the flock even to the extent of laboring, as Paul did, with his hands for his support; think-

ing more of the flock than of the fleece; and of the Kingdom than of his personal wishes.

This side of the pastor's relation to his people is being sadly neglected by some; and the other unduly pressed. The result is a grave danger we are facing, a mercenary pulpit.

The pastor who is not willing to make great sacrifices to preach ought to give it up and do something else. Paul warns us against such in his farewell address to the Elders, or pastors, from Ephesus, Acts 20-29 "For I know that after my departing shall grevious wolves enter in among you not sparing the flock."

But we make a grave mistake if we stress the pastor's duty to make sacrifices and say nothing about the church's duty. That is his privilege but the church has no right to expect him to serve them and support himself. God's word is plain to His people in this. "Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn."—"Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should" (not shall) "live of the gospel", 1st Cor. 9:9-14. Yes, it is the people's duty to support the pastor "In equality", see 2nd Cor. 8:13-14. If the pastor makes sacrifices for the church, certainly the church, and each individual member, must make sacrifices for the pastor's support.

There must be love by the people for the pastor, as well as love by the pastor for the people or else the relation is not natural and should be severed at once. The church that is not willing to meet the pastor half way in sacrifices does not love him as it should and the pastor is justified in resigning; not because they do not give him enough, but because they do not love him as proven by their gifts.

We are glad to see a more liberal spirit manifested by our churches to the pastors but we, your committee, urge a much more liberal support, especially by those who are in better financial condition than the pastor. We also urge that the pastor be not allowed to leave the church each appointment wihtout a liberal contribution to enable him to give more time to reading and study which he must do if he would preach acceptably. Let the people lay by "In store" for this offering so that they may "Be ready when he comes."

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. POOL, for Com.

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived Dr. C. E. Maddry by special order addressed the association on the subject of missions.

Intermission.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After a song service and prayer by Elder A. W. Wilox the association resumed business.

The Clerk read the report on Sunday schools. After being spoken to by Brother E. L. Middleton it was laid on the table for further discussion on Sunday morning.

On a call for delinquent churches letters were presented and Messengers enrolled as follows:

Mt. Hermon—Levi Teague, P. E. Johnson.

Three Forks—Represented by letter.

Bethlehem—T. G. Teague, D. T. Johnson.

Visiting brethren were again invited and Elders Leroy Teague and Grover Teague of the Caldwell Association and Loyd Teague of the Brushy Mountain Association, W. T. Coiner and Brother N. H. Comer of the Briar Creek Association accepted seats with us.

Brother Levi Teague then read last year's report on Duties to the Poor. After being discussed by Brother Levi Teague and Elder Leroy Teague was adopted.

A collection was then taken for the Thomasville Orhanage which amounted to $18.03.

REPORT ON DUTIES TO THE POOR

Our Savior on one occasion, in answer to a question, said: "The poor ye have with you always and when ye will ye may do them good". We rejoice that we live in this day when the principles of our Divine Master have so permeated the masses of the human family that institutions are provided for the care of the poor in every county: but this provision does not exempt the church of the living God from providing for the helpless poor of its own church.

The spirit of Christianity has prompted the Baptist of North Carolina to build and equip a home at Thomasville for the fatherless and motherless children of our deceased brethren. We are rejoiced to know that the appointments are such our orphans are trained for time and eternity.

We pray for the widows and orphans; we believe that it is right that they should be cared for but, brethren, James says, 'Faith without works is dead", Let us bear a liberal part of this great work. See Deut. 15-11; Acts, 6:1-6.

Respectfully submitted,

LEVI W. TEAGUE, for Com.

In the absence of the Treasurer Brother E. E. Pool was appointed to receive money for the Orphanage and Missions.

Elder T. L. Blalock presented the report on Fundamental Doctrines.

After being spoken to by Elder T. L. Blalock it was adopted.

REPORT ON FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES

Fundamental doctrines defined in the light of revelation and human experience are to Christianity what the blood is to life; hence the importance of anchoring firmly to them, especially in times of declensions and departures such as are felt today.

Are we anchoring to the ancient and time worn maxims that the Bible is the revealed will of God and our only rule of faith and practice as hedged in, as in 2nd Tim. 3:16-17, Deut. 4:2 and Rev. 22:18-19.

Do we accept it as complete and unalterable or is it not subjected now to tests—Geological, Psycological?

Is it simply the background of a picture to be filled in by lines of human expediency?

This is the grave question of our day. Can we follow the simple rules outlined in the Word and expect to evangelize the world?

From the view point of worldly maxims and policies the answer is, NO. In the light of revelation and history, emphatically, YES.

Witness: Pentecost, Acts 2:5, Rom. 10:18. History, sacred and profane, attests this fact.

Your Committee would emphasize the importance of guarding with care vital Doctrines in their relation to each other: Instance, Repentance (a disposition of the heart) Reformation—a fruit of that tree, Confession of Christ—a sequence following a confession of our sins and accepting Him as our only Saviour. An inversion of these vital Doctrines is the greatest menace of our religious life today, deluding souls and filling our churches with unregenerate members. Who can tell what the end will be?

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. WATTS, for Com.

The committee on devotional exercises reported as follows:

Prayer service tomorrow morning conducted by Elder A. W. Wilcox.

The subject of Missions to be made a special order for 11 o'clock tomorrow and that Elder T. L. Blalock have that hour to discuss the same.

Closed with prayer by Elder L. E. Barnes.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Met as per adjournment.

Prayer meeting conducted by Elder A. W. Wilcox. Lesson: 2nd. Cor. 5-10.

The Association was then called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Elder D. W. Pool.

Minutes of previous day read and approved.

The letter of Dover church was then received by the Clerk.

Brethren E. E. Pool and J. J. Hendren were added to the committee on Digest of Church Letters.

On a call for visitors Elder B. F. Austin and Brother L. L. Lowdermilk of the Piedmont Association responded and were welcomed to seats by the Moderator.

The report on Spirituality of the Churches was submitted by Elder W. J. Bumgarner.

After being discussed by Elder L. E. Barnes, W. J. Bumgarner, D. W. Pool and J. P. Gwaltney it was adopted.

REPORT ON SPIRITUALITY OF THE CHURCH

It is a conceded fact that in our Southland there has been, in the last decade a great decline in Spirituality among the churches. In a private statement by Elder Livingston Johnson while at the Association at Taylorsville, N. C.—his opinion was there had been a decline of 40 per cent among the churches of North Carolina during the last twelve or fifteen years, and he had a better right to know than any other man. Then brethren why this decline? There is a cause. May it not be that we have turned aside from the legitimate work of the churches to things not commonded in the world of God? That which is incidental as Education, schools and raising money, is now stressed as fundamental in the work of the Lord.

We know, that from Germany has proceeded most of the errors of the past generation, and we have felt its influence sadly in our Southland. Are not our people going in the foot-steps of Germany? Let us awake to the danger and watch jealously every seeming departure from God's word. But while guarding these dangers, brethren, is there not danger of swinging to the other extreme, and failing to do our duty in sustaining the Gospel at home and abroad?

L. E. BARNES,
W. J. BUMGARNER,
Committee

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived the Association, by special order, took the subject of Missions. The report was read by Elder E. V. Bumgarner and discussed at length by Elder T. L. Blalock.

Intermission.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

The Association resumed consideration of the report on Missions.

After being further discussed by Elder E. V. Bumgarner and Brother E. E. Lackey it was adopted.

Elder T. L. Blalock read and interpreted a letter which he had recently received from a native Chinese Christian. He and Mrs. Blalock also sang a Chinese song.

A collection was then taken for Foreign Missions amounting to $61.21.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

It is a striking and impressive fact that during the early ministry of our Lord He said very little about missions, but during His later ministry from his crucifixion to His ascension He spoke of nothing else.

On the several occasions when He discoursed Missions He always spoke as a master to His Disciples, as a Captain would address his soldiers, as a king would address his subjects. At other times He suggested, He exhorted, He urged. But here, without exception and without equivocation He commanded. In full knowledge of the terrible cost without allowing any escape from the obligation imposed He simply said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature".

Missions therefore stand immovable in the purpose of God. They are the corner stone and the crown in the fabric of the christian church. You can not divorce the church and missions. The question is not so much whether the brethren can be saved without the gospel, but whether the gospel can be saved for the home church if it is not given to the heathen.

Paul said in Romans, "How shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe on Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?" We deplore the indifference among our people to this phase of

kingdom service and would urge the pastors of our association to lay this work often and earnestly upon the hearts of our people and that at least contributions be made quarterly to this worthy cause.

Respectfully submitted,
E. V. BUMGARNER,

Elder E. V. Bumgarner submitted the report on Nominations which was adopted without amendment.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

Your committee reports the following:

Fundamental Doctrines—B. F. Austin, J. M. McAlpine.

Temperance—J. L. Gwaltney, Levi Teague, T. E. Payne.

Church and Pastoral Relations—J. W. Watts, J. S. Stephenson.

Spirituality of Churches—D. W. Pool, R. Lee Davis, J. P. Gwaltney.

Missions—W. J. Bumgarner, W. E. Linney.

Duties to Poor—A. C. Payne, J. M. Pharr, L. E. Barnes.

Messengers To Associations

Caldwell—Atwell Watts
Briar Creek—E. E. Pool
South Yadkin—L. E. Barnes

Time of next meeting—Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1924.

Place—Concord church.

Introductory Sermon—J. M. McAlpine.

Alternate—J. S. Stephenson.

Brother E. E. Pool read the report on Digest of Church Letters which was adopted.

REPORT ON DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS

There are 32 churches in the Alexander Association, twenty-nine of which are represented at this session. These churches show a total membership of 4778. Church property valued at $36,600, Baptisms 194, Additions by letter 64, By restoration 22, Loss by letter 135, By exclusion 8, By death 41.

Twenty-four churches reported Pastors' salaries aggregating $3,750.30.

Building and repairs $2,512.58. Ministerial help $880.39. Orphanage $545.89. Poor $191.57. Foreign Missions $701.12. State Missions $30.00. Near East Relief $18.75. Minute Fund $53.92. Twenty-five Sunday Schools report a total enrollement of 2,035.

E. E. POOL,
H. T. CAMPBELL,
Committee

The treasurer, being unable to furnish a complete report, was given more time and directed to file said report with the Clerk when ready.

On motion of Elder E. V. Bumagrner, the thanks of the Association was tendered the good people of the community for their kindness and hospitality during the session.

The clerk was ordered to have 500 copies of Minutes printed and distributed to the churches.

The committee on religious exercises made the following report:

Prayer meeting tomorrow morning conducted by Elder J. P. Gwaltney.

Sermon at 11 a. m. by Elder E. V. Bumgarner.

Closed with prayer by Elder J. P. Gwaltney.

SUNDAY

Prayer meeting conducted by Elder J. P. Gwaltney.

The report on Sunday schools was then taken from the table and after being discussed by Brethren W. C. Linney, Charlie Gilreath, C. H. Gryder, H. T. Campbell and J. J. Hendren, was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Believing that the Sunday school is the church engaged in studying and teaching the scriptures, and that this work is clearly authorized in the Bible, and that it affords the greatest apportunity for Christian endeavor at the present time, your comimttee would earnestly recommend:

1. That every church maintain a Sunday school the year round.
2. That the churches see to it that none but safe leaders and teachers are put in charge.
3. That all the Sunday schools meet together once a year at some central point to discuss and stimulate the work ,and report the year's progress.
4. That if the association shall adopt this recommendation, a committee be appointed to arrange a program, and time and place of meeting.

J. E. CHATHAM,
J. L. GWALTNEY,
Committee

The hour having arrived for preaching, the choir sang: "There is a fountain filled with blood", and Elder E. V. Bumgarner preached: Text 1st. Cor. 1:21.

A collection was then taken for Foreign Missions which amounted to $18.67.

Closed with prayer by Elder J. P. Gwaltney.

J. L. GWALTNEY, Moderator.
R. L. DOWNS, Clerk.

ADDENDUM

Since the adjournment of the Association, the moderator, in accordance with the report on Sunday schools, has appointed the following committee for the purposes named in said report, to wit: C. E. Echerd, J. W. Hendren and A. F. Sharpe.

HISTORICAL WORK

Bethany Church

Was organized October 29th, 1892, as an arm of Bethel Church, with 25 members, by a presbytery consisting of Elders C. C. Pool, J. P. Gwaltney, and A. N. Barker, with F. B. Hendren, as Secretary.

The pastorates of the church have been as follows: J. P. Gwaltney, was the first pastor serving from December 3rd, 1892, to November 14th, 1896, W. A. Myers until January 22nd, 1898; G. W. Brown until March 12th, 1899, D. W. Pool until November 2nd, 1901; J. P. Gwaltney until November 29th, 1906; L. P. Gwaltney until April 24th, 1909; W. E. Linney until November 25th, 1911; J. W. Watts until January 23rd, 1916; R. Lee Davis until December 6th, 1919; J. B. Ray until December 3rd, 1921; J. N. Binkley until January 6th, 1923, when L. E. Barnes was called who is still pastor.

E. E. Hendren was clerk from December 3rd, 1892 until about September 3rd, 1898; J. H. Hendren until January 23rd, 1904; J. J. Hendren until March 25th, 1905; when E. E. Pool was elected, who still serves.

The following is a list of members who died during the last associational year:

Antioch—Brother John Harris, Archie Barnes, Sister Mary Ann Munday.

Bethel—Brother Eli Hendren, Brother D. C. Laws, and Sister Dasie Smith.

Bethany—Sister R. J. Parker, wife of John Parker.

Bethlehem—Sister Fannie Hayes, and Sister Isabell Lail.

Concord—Sister Rosa Clary, wife of R. C. Clary, and Sister Mary Poole.

Dover—Sister Anna Pennell.

Damascus—Sister S. L. Wilson, Sister Elizabeth Shaver, Sister Fannie Jones Williams and Brother Walter Wilson.

Elizabeth—Brother Jack Kirby.

Lebanon—Brother Charlie Watts, and Brother Benjamin Russell.

Liledoun—Brothers Wallace Stafford, John Carrigan and John Barnes.

Linney's Grove—Sister Adaline Shoemaker.

Macedonia—Brother W. W. Smith.

Mt. Olive—Sister Martha Jane Davis.

Mt. Hebron—Brother Cornelius Davidson.

Mt. Herman—Brother George W. Echerd, Sister Lizzie Echerd, wife of Charlie P. Echerd.

Mt. Nebo—

Poplar Springs—

Sulphur Springs—Brother B. F. Patterson, Sister Blankenship, wife of T. L. Blankenship, and Sister R. L. Gwaltney.

Stony Point—Sister Minnie Baker, wife of W. F. Baker, Sister Ocie Elliott, wife of R. L. Elliott.

Three Forks—Brother Jeff Thomas and Sister Rebecca Chapman.

White Plains—

REPORT OF TREASURER

	Missions	Orphanage	
Balance on hand Oct. 27th, 1922	395 41		
Sulphur Springs	41 12	7 58	
White Plains	35 83		
Damascus	35 98		
Bethany	14 20		
Hiddenite	24 49		
Pleasant Hill	8 47		
Mt. Herman		11 00	
Concord		6 50	
Linneys Grove	12 50	12 25	
Liledoun	12 95	4 21	
Mt. Olive		2 15	
Mt. Nebo	21 11	5 50	
Macedonia	10 21		
Mt. Hebron		2 00	
Bethel		12 45	
Bethlehem		3 00	
Association Collection	79 77	18 03	
TOTAL	692 04	84 67	
GRAND TOTAL	776 71		

Checks and cash to T. L. Blalock	$602.38
Checks to Thomasville Orphanage	76.08
Balance on hand October 27th, 1923	98.15
TOTAL	$776.71

E. E. LACKEY, Treasurer.

CHURCH	Pastor and Postoffice	Clerk and Postoffice	Time of Preaching	Value of Church Property	Gained				Lost			Total Membership
					By Baptism	By Letter	By Statement	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death	
Antioch	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	V. W. Teague, Taylorsville	4	$ 1200	3	4	....	....	11	4	3	295
Bethel	L. E. Barnes, Taylorsville	J. A. Campbell, Pores Knob	2	1000	6	....	....	....	5	....	3	190
Bethany	L. E. Barnes, Taylorsville	E. E. Pool, Gilreath	3	800	11	4	....	....	5	....	1	216
Bethlehem	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	T. G. Teague, Granite Falls	1	1500	11	....	....	....	20	....	2	246
Beulah												
Concord	T. E. Payne, Taylorsville	F. L. Gryder, Taylorsville	1	2000	25	2	....	....	2	....	2	209
Damascus	C. C. Holland, Statesville	I. A. McLain, Statesville	1	1500	2	....	....	2	3	....	3	220
Dover	S. I. Watts, Boomer	M. S. Pennell, Taylorsville	4	500	4	....	....	2	2	....	1	150
Elizabeth	T. E. Payne, Taylorsville	J. C. Painter, Charlotte	2	....	3	2	....	....	2	....	1	115
Fair View	L. E. Barnes, Taylorsville	T. L. Query, Hiddenite	4	....	4	2	1	....	....	....	....	24
Hiddenite	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	J. W. Hendren, Hiddenite	3	1500	2	....	....	....	1	....	....	51
Island Ford	C. F. Friday, Taylorsville	J. H. Byers, Stony Point	1	400	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	44
Lebanon	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	G. W. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	4	1000	3	2	....	....	15	....	2	100
Liledoun	L. P. Gwaltney, Taylorsville	G. B. Pennell, Taylorsville	2	....	2	2	....	....	6	....	3	175
Linney's Grove	T. E. Payne, Taylorsville	J. F. Baker, Hiddenite	3	1000	5	2	....	....	4	....	1	152
Little River	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	N. C. Deal, Taylorsville	2	800	4	3	....	1	2	....	....	124
Macedonia	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	J. M. Fox, Taylorsville	1	800	....	5	....	....	4	....	3	201
Mt. Olive	J. M. McAlpine, Stony Point	R. T. Lowe, Pores Knob	3	2000	....	7	....	....	1	1	1	145
Mt. Hebron	J. M. McAlpine, Stony Point	J. S. Stephenson, Taylorsville	2	1000	....	....	....	....	3	3	1	88
Mt. Hermon	T.E. Payne Taylorsville	P. E. Johnson, Taylorsville	1	1000	3	....	....	....	5	....	2	117
Mt. Nebo	J. S. Stevenson, Taylorsville	G. L. Steele, Stony Point	3	800	3	2	....	....	2	....	....	105
Pilgrim	L. E. Barnes, Taylorsville	J. M. Query, Hiddenite	1	950	1	....	....	1	4	....	....	155
Pleasant Grove	L. E. Barnes, Taylorsville	J. I. W. Levan, Stony Point	4	1000	2	1	....	1	3	....	....	79
Pleasant Hill	C. F. Friday, Taylorsville	F. S. Bowles, Taylorsville	4	850	3	....	....	....	2	....	....	119
Poplar Springs	S. I. Watts, Boomer	W. E. Crouch, Taylorsville	1	500	7	1	....	1	8	....	3	170
Sulphur Springs	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	S. F. Cook, Hiddenite	3	2000	5	2	....	....	2	....	3	202
Stony Point	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	A. W. White, Stony Point	1	2000	....	1	....	....	2	1	1	197
Three Forks	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	R. B. McLeod Taylorsville	3	1000	8	4	....	12	4	....	2	268
Taylorsville	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	A. C. Payne Taylorsville	2	8000	49	7	....	....	4	....	....	241
Taylor Springs	W. T. Comer, New Castle	L. T. Younger New Hope	3	2000	12	4	....	....	3	....	....	171
White Plains	T. E. Payne, Taylorsville	G. M Grant Taylorsville	3	700	9	1	....	1	4	....	2	202
West Hickory												
		TOTAL	....	$37800	187	66	1	21	131	9	40	3765

TABLE II—FINANCIAL

CHURCH	Pastor's Salary	Ministerial Help	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Expenses	Local Poor	Minute Fund, etc.	Other Objects	75 Million (Undesignated)	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	GRAND TOTAL
Antioch	120 54	25 00		19 20			2 25			11 75	16 29	195 03
Bethel	60 00	30 00	165 25				1 40			14 91	17 83	289 39
Bethany	75 00	44 50	10 00				2 50			35 31	22 10	189 41
Bethlehem	100 00	52 20	154 25			17 00	2 25			27 40	18 50	371 60
Beulah												
Concord	201 05	70 53			10 50	18 38	1 65			4 65		306 76
Damascus	107 00						2 15			62 25	17 00	188 40
Dover	95 30	25 05		18 00			1 35					139 70
Elizabeth	429 43						4 00			93 43	37 84	564 70
Fair View		54 00					1 50					55 50
Hiddenite	103 47						1 25	18 75		23 49	46 63	193 59
Island Ford		6 00	18 00	125 00			65	65				150 30
Lebanon	130 22	22 00				15 30	3 72			90 00	28 00	289 24
Lileloun	204 41					77 30	2 65			12 00	4 21	300 57
Linney's Grove	77 00						1 15			12 50	10 25	100 90
Little River	77 49	17 71				6 74	1 00			14 50		117 44
Macedonia	75 00	31 00					2 00			10 21		118 21
Mt. Olive	104 00	30 66					3 50			12 95	12 50	163 61
Mt. Hebron	30 00	14 00	50 00				1 00				2 00	97 00
Mt. Hermon	203 00	36 00			28 31		60			3 65		271 56
Mt. Nebo		12 50	7 50				1 20			18 52	5 50	45 22
Pilgrim	50 00	17 00	1 50			12 00	2 45					87 95
Pleasant Grove	63 00	22 00		17 00			1 70			12 50	4 50	120 70
Pleasant Hill		15 00					1 50			10 29		26 79
Poplar Springs	55 88		156 23				1 00					213 11
Sulphur Springs	164 16					8 85	2 25			41 12	18 59	234 97
Stony Point	487 00				83 36		4 50			45 00	165 68	785 54
Three Forks	142 00	45 75		5 28			2 60			10 25		205 88
Taylorsville	378 85	101 00		70 65			6 00		30 00		185 46	771 96
Taylor Springs	90 00	125 00	900 00	10 00		36 00	1 55			10 56	15 00	1188 11
White Plains	133 50	52 00		25 09			2 00			23 82	13 00	249 41
West Hickory												

TABLE III—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCH	Superintendent and Postoffice	Secretary and Postoffice	Officers and Teachers	Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Antioch	M. V. Davis, Taylorsville	C. A. Caldwell, Taylorsville	7	88	40
Bethel	C. L. Costner, Pores Knob	Pearl Barnett, Taylorsville	6	55	35
Bethany	W. J. Moore, Gilreath	Rosa Lee Moore, Pores Knob	6	105	30
Bethlehem	Wm. W. Teague, Bentley		5	50	20
Beulah					
Concord	F. C. Lackey, Stony Point	Mrs. Ora Matheson, Stony Point	7	119	64
Damascus	M. G. Sloan, Statesville	R. I. Sloan, Statesville	7	40	27
Dover	W. D. Mooney, Taylorsville	Luther Dyson, Taylorsville	10	71	40
Elizabeth	J. C. Painter, Charlotte	Ralph Painter, Charlotte	10	137	75
Fair View					
Hiddenite	J. W. Hendren, Hiddenite	J. F. Abernethy, Hiddenite			
Island Ford	J. H. Byers, Stony Point		3	27	18
Lebanon	J. M. Fortner, Taylorsville	Lois Sweet, Taylorsville	7	75	48
Liledoun	S. W. Teague, Taylorsville	Luther Austin, Taylorsville	5	60	40
Linney's Grove	C. J. Gwaltney, Hiddenite	Eloise McLain, Hiddenite	7	50	30
Little River	N. C. Deal, Taylorsville	T. C. Barnes, Taylorsville	5	60	45
Macedonia					
Mt. Olive	R. A. Shuping, Pores Knob	R. T. Lowe, Pores Knob	5	50	29
Mt. Hebron					
Mt. Hermon	L. C. Etherd, Taylorsville	Miss Mona Daniels, Taylorsville	7	70	44
Mt. Nebo	G. L. Steele, Stony Point	Lundie Steele, Stony Point	4	70	44
Pilgrim					
Pleasant Grove	R. L. Levan, Stony Point	Lula Godfrey, Stony Point	6	58	25
Pleasant Hill	J. D. Deal, Taylorsville	Jeffie Daniels, Taylorsville	4	20	15
Poplar Springs	D. L. Brookshire, Taylorsville	Allie Robinette, Taylorsville	4	70	35
Sulphur Springs	A. Q. Patterson, Hiddenite	J. C. Sharpe, Hiddenite	7	62	40
Stony Point	A. L. Watts, Stony Point		10	150	100
Three Forks	B. M. Harrington, Taylorsville	Sallie Rogers, Taylorsville	7	112	75
Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville	Escar Adams, Taylorsville	10	298	118
Taylor Springs	L. T. Younger, New Hope	Miss L. B. Williams, New Hope	8	105	75
White Plains	E. A. Shaver, Taylorsville	Eunice Grant, Taylorsville	6	125	75
West Hickory					
		TOTAL	161	2123	

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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

ABERNETHY, J. A.....Tai An Fu, Shantung, China

BUMGARNER, W. J.....R. 5, Taylorsville, N. C.

BUMGARNER, E. V.....R. 5, Taylorsville, N. C.

BARNES, L. E.....R. 5, Taylorsville, N. C.

CLINE, R. C.....Washington, D. C.

FRIDAY, C. F.....R. 2, Taylorsville, N. C.

GWALTNEY, L. P.....Taylorsville, N. C.

GWALTNEY, J. P.....Hiddenite, N. C.

LINNEY, W. E.....Wilkesboro, N. C.

McALPINE, J. M.....Stony Point, N. C.

PAYNE, T. E.....Hudson, N. C.

STEPHENSON, J. S.....Taylorsville, N. C.

TEAGUE, LEVI W.....Taylorsville, N. C.

WATTS, J. W.....Taylorsville, N. C.

WILLIAMS, T. H.....Statesville, N. C.

WILCOX, A. W.....Taylorsville, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

Concord Baptist Church,
Thursday, Oct. 9th, 1924.

The Alexander Baptist Association convened in its thirty-seventh annual session with Concord church today.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. S. Stephenson. Text: Proverbs, 22:2.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder J. F. Davis.

Dr. C. E. Maddry, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, then addressed the Association on the subject of State Missions.

Letters from the different churches were called for and Brethren T. E. Payne and A. C. Payne, by request, read them.

The following Messengers were enrolled:

Linney's Grove—J. F. Baker, J. R. Frye, W. F. McLain.
Liledoun—G. B. Pennell, C. A. Smith, Claud Chapman.
Mt. Hermon—P. E. Johnson, Otto Johnson, L. C. Echerd.
Damascus—I. A. McLain, M. G. Sloan, J. A. McLain.
Elizabeth—A. M. Bumgarner, T. M. Meadows.
Lebanon—J. M. Fortner, W. J. Bumgarner, E. V. Bumgarner.
Poplar Springs—W. E. Crouch, J. N. Pool, D. C. Barnes.
Beulah—T. R. Barlow, Bobbie Deal.
Three Forks—R. B. McLeod, W. C. Watts, Partee Childers.
Antioch—Vance W. Teague, R. L. Downs, Wm. W. Teague.
Fair View—T. L. Query, J. H. Cook, J. P. Hendren.
Mt. Hebron—J. C. Clanton, J. S. Stephenson
Sulphur Springs—S. F. Cook, A. B. Lackey, L. W. Hines.
Pleasant Hill—F. S. Bowles, Timothy Daniels, J. Z. Harrington.
Taylorsville—A. C. Payne, J. C. Bell, O. F. F. Pool.
Concord—F. L. Gryder, D. B. Warren, J. T. Gant.
Mt. Olive—J. L. Bumgarner, R. T. Lowe, L. J. Lowe.
Macedonia—A. M. Stafford, J. M. Fox, J. E. Chatham.
White Plains—G. M. Grant, J. A. Robinette, W. S. McLeod.
Stony Point—W. F. Baker, D. E. Gryder, D. M. Mayberry.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

J. L. GWALTNEY, Moderator.
R. L. DOWNS, Clerk.
J. E. CHATHAM, Treasurer.
A. C. PAYNE, Historian.

The following committees were then appointed by the Moderator, to wit:

Nominations—T. E. Payne, J. C. Bell, J. S. Stephenson.

Digest of church letters—J. M. Fortner, J. E. Chatham, W. E. White.

Devotional Exercises—Pastor and Messengers of Concord church.

Elder G. C. Teague was added to the committee on Spirituality of the churches.

On a call for new churches the following presented letters and asked to join the Association, to wit:

East Taylorsville and Millersville.

They were accepted and Messengers enrolled as follows:

East Taylorsvolle—T. J. Fortner, H. T. Campbell, R. L. Chamberlain.

Millersville—G. W. Stafford,, A. J. Stafford, Tom Howard.

On a call for visitors, the following brethren responded and were welcomed to seats with us:

Elders G. C. Teague of the Caldwell Association, B. F. Austin of the Piedmont Association, J. F. Davis of South Carolina, and T. L. Blalock, Missionary to China, of the Caldwell Association.

Reading Constitution and By-Laws was dispensed with.

The following committee was appointed to draft and submit to the Association recommendations regarding the disposition of the fund derived from the sale of the United Baptist Collegiate Institute of Taylorsville, N. C., to wit:

T. E. Payne, E. V. Bumgarner, W. E. White.

Elder T. L. Blalock then addressed the Association on Mission Methods—Home and Foreign.

The following order of business was adopted:

Prayer Meeting 9:30 A. M.
Business Session 10:00 A. M.
Sermon 11:00 A. M.
Intermission.
Resume business at 1:00 P. M.
Adjourn at will.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported as follows:

Sermon tonight by Elder J. F. Davis.

Prayer service tomorrow morning conducted by Elder B. F. Austin.

Elder T. L. Blalock to speak on Foreign Missons at 11 o'clock tomorrow.

Adjourned.

The congregation again met at 7 o'clock, P. M.

After a song service and prayer Elder J. F. Davis preached a strong, helpful sermon. Text: Rev. 1:5-6.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Met as per adjournment.

Prayer meeting conducted by Elder B. F. Austin. Scripture lesson from the 11th Psalm.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Elder W. J. Bumgarner.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Delinquent churches being called letters were handed to the Clerk and Messengers enrolled as follows:

Bethel—J. A. Campbell, J. S. Hendren, J. V. Barnett.
Mt. Nebo—G. L. Steele, C. O. Pierce, L. B. Smith.
Pleasant Grove—J. I. W. Levan, J. W. Baker, J. W. Levan.
Bethany—E. E. Pool, G. L. Parker, W. T. Tedder.

Visiting brethren being invited, Elder R. Lee Davis of the South Yadkin Association accepted a seat with us.

Reports of standing committees were then called for and Elder B. F. Austin submitted the report on Fundamental Doctrines.

After being discussed by Elders B. F. Austin and J. P. Gwaltney it was adopted.

FUNDAMENTALS

What is a fundamental?

In the natural or physical world it is the basis or foundation upon which a structure is built. But when applied to the Christian religion it is the primary or essential principal upon which we build our edifice.

In order to be a fundamentalist we must accept the Holy Bible as the word of God and not the product of man Though sometimes parts of it may be beyond our understandi ng it must never be beyond our belief. In it, and it alone, do we find a true account of the creation of man. In it alone do we find a true account of the fall of man. In it we are told of God's attitude toward sin and His matchless mercies to the sinner.

Whereas Evolutionists discredit the Genesis account of creation and Modernists deny the supernatural. These two factions alone, if left unchecked will soon run vital religion aground and turn all Christendom into anarchy.

Furthermore, some of our own brethren seem to be letting up on the doctrine of repentance, which is like setting a ship in mid

ocean on a starless night without chart or compass. God only can tell where it will land.

In view of the above facts, we your committee insist that the preachers throughout the association lift their voices with no uncertain sound against sin, and preach the gospel of repentance and faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

B. F. AUSTIN,
J. P. GWALTNEY,
J. F. BAKER,
Committee.

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, Elder T. L. Blalock, by special order, addressed the association on the subject of Foreign Missions.

At the close of the speech a collection was taken for missions amounting to $70.17.

Intermission.

AFTERNOON SESSION

On a second call for delinquent churches, letters were presented and Messengers enrolled as follows:

Pilgrim—W. R. Fox, J. W. Query, J. M. Query.
Dover—A. F. Pennell, Robert Pennell.
Hiddenite—J. C. Thomas, D. Fred Milstead, Glenn Hendren.
Taylor Springs—L. T. Younger, R. B. Williams, C. C. Redmond.
Little River—N. C. Deal, W. L. Kerley, J. T. Rogers.

Visiting brethren from sister associations were again invited and Dr. W. C. Tyree, Elder J. L. Teague and Brother J. A. Boldin of the Caldwell Association and Elder W. T. Comer of the Briar Creek Association came forward and were given the glad hand of welcome by the Moderator.

Elder Levi Teague read the report on Temperance. After being discussed by Elders T. E. Payne, J. F. Davis, Dr. W. C. Tyree and T. L. lalock it was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERAINCE

Your Committee on Temperance rejoices in the fact that we live a day when the slogan of our country, State and each community is the betterment of all the people both intellectually, socially and morally. The effort is to eliminate every thing inimical to the welfare of the human family. One of the greatest enemies of our race today is the evil of strong drink. It slays, directly and indirectly each year, more human beings than war, famine and pestilence. It is an enemy to the body. It is an enemy to the

mind. It is an enemy to the home. It is an enemy to the soul. God's word condemns strong drink and drunkenness with no uncertain sound.

We therefore, as church members and citizens of the State and community, should become aroused to the realization of our responsibility when we see all around us the woeful results of strong drink. We thank God for the few faithful ministers in our Association who , in season and out of season, have the courage to denounce strong drink and to daily strive to win the poor drunkard from his course of ruin and death. We would urge upon our churches and people to use every legitimate means to stamp this fearful curse out of our State and community.

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. GWALTNEY,
T. E. PAYNE,
LEVI W. TEAGUE,
Committee.

Elder W. J. Bumgarner presented the report on Missions.

Pending its adoption speeches were made by Elders T. L. Blalock, W. J. Bumgarner, J. P. Gwaltney and Brother J. L. Gwaltney.

The report was adopted as submitted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

We, your Committeee on Missions, would submit the following:

The command of our Lord to give the gospel to all the world is just as binding today as when given by the Master more than nineten hundred years ago.

Nearly thirty years ago, many of our people becoming dissatisfied with the workings of the Board, inaugurated what is known as the Gospel Mission or Independent plan of work. Under this plan there went out a number of missionaries. The work seemed to prosper for awhile, but the missionaries seeing their board brethren so well provided for began to drop back to the board work until Brother and Sister Blalock stood alone on the field. None disputed the Scripturalness of the plan, but when these brethren saw the board missionaries so well cared for they were unwilling to make the sacrifice sufficient to thoroughly try out this plan But Brother Blalock and wife stood like a wall until sister Blalock fell on the field. Brother Blalock, with an unshaken faith in God, came home, laid the cause on the hearts of the people. In a little while he returned to the field with eight other missionaries to his God-given work. And now we have thirteen missionaries, with several others to follow next summer.

No God-given enterprise succeeds without first being thoroughly tried. The fiery furnace brings out the pure metal. A majority against a cause is not always evidence that the cause is erroneous. Elijah stood alone against the prophets of Baal. Micaiah had to stand alone against 400 prophets of Israel and then go to prison for his faithfulness.

This mission work now takes the name of "The China Faith Mission". We think it is the work of the Lord, and would urge our churches to see to it that these faithful missionaries are amply supported, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. BUMGARNER.

Elder R. Lee Davis then discussed the work of the Thomasville Orphanage.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported:

Sermon tonight by Elder B. F. Austin.

Prayer meeting tomorrow morning conducted by Elder J. S. Stephenson.

Dr. W. C. Tyree of Lenoir to preach at 11 o'clock tomorrow.

Closed with prayer by Elder Levi W. Teague.

The Association assembled again at 7 o'clock and Elder B. F. Austin preached a very interesting sermon, the scripture lesson being taken from the 1st chapter of Revelation.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Met as per adjournment. Prayer service conducted by Elder J. S. Stephenson. Lesson John 14:1-14.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Brother T. J. Fortner.

Minutes of previous day read and approved.

Visitors were invited and Elder G. C. Teague introduced Miss Sophia Berghouse, of Raleigh, Elementary Sunday School Secretary.

The report on Church and Pastoral Relations was read by the Clerk. After being discussed by Elders J. W. Watts and J. S. Stephenson it was adopted.

CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATIONS

Your committeee are encouraged to report that the discusssion of this vital relation has stimulated and brought forth good results in most, if not all, of our churches.

We still urge that our churches need the greater blessing which comes to them in the full discharge of this Scriptural duty. See 1st Cor., 9:7-18, Phillip. 4:17. The pastor bears the relation to his flock of father to child, the mother to her children, the tie most tender known. Also the shepherd and the flock, Acts 20:28-35, John 10:11-14 as quoted from Ezekiel 34:2-7-8-24.

Your committee feel and urge that the time is at hand when the mutual duties of the pastor and his flock be given equal prominence in all our discussions before religious bodies.

We should heed the danger signal given by Paul in Phil. 3:2 as interpreted in Isa. 56:10-11. Let us avoid these extremes and pastor and church labor to establish the Kingdom of God in the hearts of all men.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. WATTS,
J. S. STEPHENSON,
Committee.

The report on Duties to the Poor was read by the Clerk. After being discussed by Elders W. J. Bumgarner, T. E. Payne and J. P. Gwaltney, it was adopted.

DUTIES TO THE POOR

"The poor you have with you always," is an injunction to us as Christians. Our duty in this connection can not be evaded if we live up to our obligations as church members. This duty is so well defined and known that a failure to perform it becomes gross negligence on our part.

Besides those near our door, we should not forget our duties to the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville. This institution appeals both to human sympathy and Christian charity for the support and uplifting of the needy and helpless.

Your committee would recommend that all our people contribute liberally to this object, feeling that bread cast upon the water in this way will return in due time as a great blessing to the church, the State, the nation and to humanity, and ultimately add something to the Glory of God.

Respectfully submitted,
A. C. PAYNE,
J. W. PHARR,
Committee.

The hour having arrived for the sermon, the congregation sang, "Since Jesus came into my heart," and Dr. W. C. Tyree preached an able and effective sermon. Text: Matthew 6:33.

Intermission.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION

Resumed business at 1 P. M.

The Bethlehem letter to the Association was handed to the Clerk and Messengers enrolled as follows:

T. G. Teague, E. W. Teague, J. E. Brown.

Elder E. V. Bumgarner presented the report on Spirituality of the Churches, which was adopted after discussion by elders E. V. Bumgarner and J. P. Gwaltney.

SPIRITUALITY OF THE CHURCHES

We, your committee, rejoice with joy unspeakable in some real revivals of religion and some "seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord," yet this rejoicing is "with trembling," as we note the marked and general decline in spiritual power of the churches. There are no effects without a cause. Where shall we look for the cause or causes of this decline? May not one cause be the irreverent attitude toward the church and worship of the living God? Again the sad neglect of Bible study among professsed believers, and failure to cultivate some of the Christian graces, for example, the grace of giving. Paul said, "See that ye abound in this grace also." But we should never lose sight of the fact that to be spiritual we must be spirit born, spirit filled and spirit panoplied. We should safe guard as the apple of the eye those fundamentals that underlie the salvation of the soul and cling tenaciously to the old methods of saving the lost by preaching a pure gospel and waiting on the self existent spirit to convict the sinner and convert the mourner in Zion.

Respectfully,

E. V. BUMGARNER, For Committee.

Brother W. E. White read the report on Sunday Schools which was discussed by Brother White and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

"And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made and he rested on the seventh day from all the work which he had made.

And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it because in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made."

This is an account of the institution of the Sabbath and is binding on every subject of Jehovah's Kingdom so well presented to us this morning.

The Sabbath is one of the two institutions that survived the fall of man from his holy estate. Marriage is the other. Both are essential to the happiness, even the very existence, of the human race.

How shall we use and spend this day of divine institution?

W. E. WHITE, For Committee.

The special committee on U. B. C. Institute fund submitted the following report, which was adopted after general discussion:

UNITED BAPTIST INSTITUTE

The special committee on this subject hereby reports its findings:

The United Baptist Institute was organized in Taylorsville in 1854. James James executed a deed for five acres dated Sept. 13, 1854, to certain individuals for the site of the institution. The United Baptist Asssociation was then the representative body of Baptists in the surrounding territory and gave its name to the institution and it is presumed acted as an advisory body. The Brushy Mountain Association succeeded the United Baptist and sustained similar relations; then the Alexander Association came upon the scene in a similar manner.

The original conveyance was a title in fee; but the circumstances of the case compelled the grantees to operate as a trust; neither did it provide for a succession. In 1895 only one of the original grantees, Rev. Isaac Oxford, was living, and the body then acting as trustees applied to the General Assembly for a charter. This was granted: see Chap. 205 of the Private Laws of 1895. Only seven of the original Board, of fifteen provided for in the charter are living.

In 1913 the State of North Carolina desired to purchase the institution for a State High School. After long and mature deliberation the Trustees sold it to the State for $1000.00, (April 7, 1913). Their reason for this was that if the State did not get this it would build another near, which would render it valueless as an educational institution for Baptists or anyone else.

In view of these records and present conditions, we offer a resolution to the Association, submitted herewith, and recommend its adoption.

RESOLUTION

Resolved, That for reasons set forth by the special committee on the subject and printed in the proceedings of this session of the Association we recommend that the Board of Trustees of the United Baptist Institute apply the funds in their possession to some worthy object and dissolve their corporate existence.

Resolved further, That if said Board of Trustees so desire, that the Executive Board of this Asssociation select competent persons to aid them in the disposition of said funds.

Respectfully submitted,
E. V. BUMGARNER,
T. E. PAYNE,
W. E. WHITE,
Committee.

The report on Nominations was read by Elder T. E. Payne and adopted without discussion.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

Your committee submits the following report:

Fundamental Doctrines—E. V. Bumgarner, C. F. Friday.

Temperance—J. W. Watts, J. S. Stephenson.

Church and Pastoral Relations—W. J. Bumgarner, J. P. Gwaltney.

Spirituality of the Churches—Levi W. Teague, J. W. Pharr.

Missions—A. W. Wilcox, J. L. Gwaltney.

Duties to the Poor—A. C. Payne, L. E. Barnes.

Sunday Schools—W. E. White, T. E. Payne.

Messengers to Associations

Caldwell—J. W. Watts.

Briar Creeek—L. E. Barnes.

South Yadkin—E. E. Pool.

Time of next meeting—Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1925.

Place—Taylorsville, First Church.

Introductory Sermon—J. M. McAlpine.

Alternate—J. S. Stephenson.

Brother W. E. White submitted the following report on Digest of Church Letters:

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS

Number Churches Reported	31
Church Membership	4,563
Sunday School Enrollment	2,449
Contributions	$6083.21
Value of Church Buildings	$27,039.00

W. E. WHITE.

The Treasurer's Report was read by the Clerk.

The Clerk was ordered to have 500 copies of Minutes printed and distributed.

By unanimous vote the thanks of the Association was extended to the good people of the community for their kindness and hospitality during the session.

The committee on Devotional Exercises made the following report:

Sermon tomorrow at 11 o'clock by Elder E. V. Bumgarner, followed by Elder J. P. Gwaltney.

Closed with prayer by Elder J. P. Gwaltney.

SUNDAY

Following an appropriate song service and prayer, Elder E. V. Bumgarner preached an eloquent, heart-searching sermon. Text: Isa. 8:20.

Then Elder J. P. Gwaltney followed in a talk characterized by his usual earnestness and power.

Collection for Foreign Missions amounted to $20.05.

The brethren then engaged an old fashioned handshake.

Closed with prayer by Elder W. J. Bumgarner.

J. L. GWALTNEY, Moderator.

R. L. DOWNS, Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT

	Missions	Orphanage
Balance on hand Oct. 27, 1923	$ 50 59	$47 56
Sulphur Springs	42 25	14 68
Antioch	5 40	
Bethany	25 06	
Linney's Grove	12 00	
Mt. Hermon	5 15	
Pleasant Hill	10 71	
J. W. Watts	25 00	
Zion Hill	6 60	
Total	$182 76	$62 24
Grand total	$245 00	

Checks to T. L. Blalock	$155.76
Checks to John A. Abennethy	25.00
Checks to Thomasville Orphanage	64.24
Total	$245.00

E. E. LACKEY, Treasurer.

TABLE I—STATISTICAL

CHURCHES	Pastor and Postoffice	Clerk and Postoffice	Time Preaching	Value of Ch. Property	GAINS				LOSS			Total Membership
					By Baptism	By Letter	Statement	Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death	
Antioch	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	V. W. Teague, Taylorsville	4	$ 1200	12	4	1		11	7	2	292
Bethlehem	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	T. G. Teague, Granite Falls	1	1500	6	6			8	1	1	248
Bethel	L. E. Barnes, Taylorsville	J. A. Campbell, Pores Knob	2	1000					6	1	1	182
Bethany	L. E. Barnes, Taylorsville	E. E. Pool, Gilreath	3	800	5				12	2		207
Beulah	T. F. Rogers, Albemarle	T. R. Barlow, Taylorsville	2		3			1	6			85
Concord	T. E. Payne, Hudson	F. L. Gryder, Taylorsville	1	2000	4	2			5			210
Damascus	C. C. Holland, Statesville	I. A. McLain, Statesville	1	1600	2				6		1	215
Dover	S. I. Watts, Boomer	M. S. Pennell, Taylorsville	4	500	5			1	1			155
East Taylorsville	A. W. Wilcox, Taylorsville	S. G. Earp, Taylorsville	1 3		8	26						47
Elizabeth	T. E. Payne, Hudson	J. C. Painter, Charlotte	2		16	11			4			134
Fair View	L. E. Barnes, Taylorsville	T. L. Query, Hiddenite	4		7							32
Hiddenite	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	J. W. Hendren, Hiddenite	3	1500		5			1			53
*Island Ford	C. F. Friday, Taylorsville	J. H. Byers, Stony Point	1									44
Lebanon	S. I. Watts, Boomer	G. W. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	2	1000	11	2	2		4		3	106
Liledoun	L. P. Gwaltney, Taylorsville	G. B. Pennell, Taylorsville	2		9	4			1	2	1	183
Linney's Grove	T. E. Payne, Hudson	J. F. Baker, Hiddenite	3	1000	4	2			1		1	156
Little River	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	N. C. Deal, Taylorsville	1	800	8				5		1	127
Macedonia	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	J. M. Fox, Taylorsville	2	800					23		2	138
Millersville	T. E. Payne, Hudson	G. W. Stafford, Taylorsville	2 4			15						15
Mt. Olive	S. I. Watts, Boomer	R. T. Lowe, Pores Knob	3	2000		1		1	8	2	2	127
Mt. Hebron	D. C. Clanton, Gilreath	J. S. Stephenson, Taylorsville	2	1500	7	4	2	1				102
Mt. Hermon	T. E. Payne, Hudson	P. E. Johnson, Taylorsville	1	2000	11	5					2	135
Mt. Nebo	J. S. Stephenson, Taylorsville	G. L. Steele, Stony Point	3	1500							2	103
Pilgrim	L. E. Barnes, Taylorsville	J. M. Query, Hiddenite	1	950	1				1			155
Pleasant Grove	L. E. Barnes, Taylorsville	J. I. W. Levan, Stony Point	4	1000					1			78
Pleasant Hill	C. F. Friday, Taylorsville	F. S. Bowles, Taylorsville	4	1000	9	1		1	2		2	126
Poplar Springs	S. I. Watts, Boomer	W. E. Crouch, Taylorsville	1	500	3	4			1		2	176
Sulphur Springs	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	S. F. Cook, Hiddenite	3	2000	3			1	11			127
Stony Point	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	A. W. White, Stony Point	1	2000	41	10		1	4	1	2	242
Three Forks	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville	3	1000	4	2		1	6		1	268
Taylorsville	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville	2 4	8000		12	2		20			236

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Ministerial Help	Building and Repair	Incidentals	S.S. and B. U. Expense	Local Poor	Minute Fund, etc.	Other Objects	Home Total	75 Million designated	Foreign Mi	Home Missions	State and Missions	Orphanage	Other Benevolen	Denomina	Grand Total
Antioch	78 45	50 00	16 00	45 00			2 00		191 45		5 50				45 00	50 50	241 95
Bethel			36 65				1 75		38 40		17 75			10 00		27 75	66 15
Bethany	79 85	22 00					2 45		104 30		32 64			22 50		55 14	159 44
Bethlehem	100 00	33 60			10 55		1 65	25	146 05		26 05	20 00		19 51		65 56	211 61
Beulah		11 00			35 00		50		46 50					1 00		1 00	47 50
Concord	115 05	50 00					2 35		167 40		2 00			15 47		17 47	184 87
Damascus	132 00	47 00	156 05				2 05		337 10		37 73			27 10	8 00	72 83	409 93
Dover	97 10	22 15					1 00		120 25								120 25
East Taylorsville	151 33	38 00	25 00		33 25		1 50		249 08		16 83					16 83	265 91
Elizabeth	371 33	25 00			148 12		4 60	23 00	572 05		172 00			25 00		197 00	769 05
Fair View	40 00	54 00					1 00		95 00								95 00
Hiddenite	89 44	27 85			30 65		1 15		149 09		36 35			52 76		89 11	238 20
Island Ford																	
Lebanon	125 00	28 00			12 00	12 00	2 00		179 00		101 00			25 00		126 00	305 00
Liledoun	202 15				30 06	82 35	2 25		316 81		18 47					18 47	335 28
Linney's Grove	67 00						1 60		68 60		43 75					43 75	112 35
Little River	102 50	20 27							122 77								122 77
Macedonia							1 90		1 90		8 27					8 29	10 19
Millersville																	
Mt. Olive	52 60	19 00			14 00		2 25		87 85		8 11					8 11	95 96
Mt. Hebron			125 00				50		125 50								125 50
Mt. Hermon	157 41	37 65			26 38		2 10	95 00	318 54		5 15			7 06		12 21	330 75
Mt. Nebo	53 00						1 00		54 00		5 50					5 50	59 50
Pilgrim	45 00	10 00	50 00				2 00		107 00								107 00
Pleasant Grove	77 50	25 37			9 30		1 70		113 87		10 50					10 50	124 37
Pleasant Hill		20 00					1 35		21 35		10 71					10 71	32 06
Poplar Springs	63 50	20 00					1 00		84 50								84 50
Sulphur Springs	259 75	39 88			93 79		3 45		396 87		42 25			23 94		66 19	463 06
Stony Point	528 00	90 00					9 02		627 02					158 04		158 04	785 06
Three Forks	103 46	39 24					1 50	38 55	182 75		19 42			12 00		31 42	214 17
Taylorsville	505 20	233 02	940 96	63 52	218 24		6 25		1967 19	40 00	130 80		13 53	69 88	18 00	272 21	2239 40
Taylor Springs	100 00	75 00	50 00		15 00		1 95		241 95		21 00			18 00		39 00	280 95
White Plains	100 51	50 51	85 00		16 50	12 47	2 00	11 80	287 79		9 80			11 00		20 80	299 59
West Hickory																	
Total	4797 13	1088 54	1484 66	108 52	692 84	106 82	65 82	168 60	7512 93	40 00	914 38	20 00	13 53	498 26	71 00	1424 39	8937 32

TABLE III—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCH	Superintendents and P. O.	Secretaries and P. O.	Officers & Teach.	Beginners 3 to 5	Primary 6 to 8	Junior 9 to 12	Intermediate	Senior and Adult	Home Department	Total	Bapt. from School	Contributions for Home Expenses	Contributions For Orphanage & Miss.	Total Contributions
Antioch	M. V. Davis, Taylorsville	E. W. Teague, Taylorsville	7	10	12	20	18	14	26	107	12			
Bethel	C. S. Costner, Pores Knob	Eula Millsaps, Hiddenite	5						62	67				
Bethany	J. M. Costner, Pores Knob	Dora Mae Hendren, Pores Knob	7						80	87				
Bethlehem	M. A. Teague, Taylorsville	H. V. Teague, Taylorsville	10	21	24	14	16	56		141				
Beulah	T. R. Barlow, Taylorsville	J. D. Carrigan, Taylorsville	4					50		54			1 00	1 00
Concord	J. T. Gant, Taylorsville	E. D. Warren, Taylorsville	7	10	20	21	30	58		146		8 62		8 62
Damascus	R. P. Wilson, Statesville	L. A. McLain, Statesville	5					45		50				
Dover	W. D. Mooney, Taylorsville	Luther Dyson, Taylorsville	5					60		65				
East Taylorsville	R. L. Chamberlain, Taylorsville	Mrs. S. G. Earp, Taylorsville	6	38		21		58		123		33 25	6 33	39 58
Elizabeth	J. C. Painter, Charlotte	Ralph Painter, Charlotte	6					125		131			148 12	148 12
Fair View	Hunter Blankenship, Hiddenite	Minnie Hendren, Hiddenite	7	28	13	17	20	29		114				
Hiddenite	J. W. Hendren, Hiddenite	Miss V. Gryder, Stony Point	10		22	10	15	14		71		30 65	36 35	67 00
Island Ford														
Lebanon	Leroy Sweet, Taylorsville	G. W. Bumgarner, Taylorsville		12	12	13	11	12	61	122		12 00		12 00
Liledoun	Webster Teague, Taylorsville	Perry Stafford, Taylorsville	6							6		30 06		30 06
Linney's Grove	J. W. McCurdy, Hiddenite	Eloise McLain, Hiddenite	7					45		52	2			
Little River	N. C. Deal, Taylorsville	T. C. Barnes, Taylorsville	5	2	6	10		20		43				
Macedonia														
Millersville	Tom Howard, Taylorsville	Perry Jolly, Taylorsville	2					18		20				
Mt. Olive	R. A. Shuping, Taylorsville	R. T. Lowe, Pores Knob	7			30	16	44		97		14 00		14 00
Mt. Hebron	J. B. Goforth, Taylorsville													
Mt. Hermon	L. C. Echerd, Taylorsville	Miss Mano Daniels, Taylorsville	8	27		28	37	18		118	10	26 38		26 38
Mt. Nebo	Lillie Blankenship, Stony Point	Bonnie Burgess, Stony Point	8	12	15	18	24	17		94				
Pilgrim	W. R. Fox, New Hope	Ada Carson, New Hope	5					66		71	1			
Pleasant Grove	R. L. Levan, Stony Point	Lula M. Godfrey, Stony Point	7					50		57		9 30		9 30
Pleasant Hill	J. Y. Deal, Taylorsville	Jeffie Daniels, Taylorsville	4							4				
Poplar Springs	J. N. Pool, Taylorsville	Alllie Robinette, Taylorsville	5	5	6	8	7	20		51				
Sulphur Springs	A. Q. Patterson, Hiddenite	J. G. Lackey, Hiddenite	9		23	22	73	27		154		93 79		93 79
Stony Point	A. L. Watts, Stony Point		7					150		157				
Three Forks	J. A. Pennell, Taylorsville	Lena Pennell, Taylorsville	7					80		87				
Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville	Escar Adams, Taylorsville	10	19	26	63	22	74		214		130 38	182 05	312 43
Taylor Springs	L. T. Younger, New Hope	Lottie Williams, New Hope	8					92		100		15 00		15 00
White Plains	E. A. Shaver, Taylorsville	Eunice Grant, Taylorsville	7	8	16	8	40	35		114	6	16 50		16 50
West Hickory														

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GWALTNEY, J. P. ..... Hiddenite, N. C.
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PROCEEDINGS

Taylorsville, N. C.,
Oct. 8th, 1925.

The Alexander Baptist Association met in its thirty-eighth annual session with the First Baptist church of Taylorsville today.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. M. McAlpine. Text: Romans, 1:16.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder Uriah Farthing.

Letters from the various churches were called for and Elder E. V. Bumgarner and Brother A. C. Payne were requested to read them.

The following Messengers were enrolled:

Fair View—T. L. Query, W. C. Lowe, J. W. Query.
Hiddenite—J. C. Thomas, J. W. Hendren, Leach Goodin.
Mt. Hermon—P. E. Johnson, L. C. Echerd, W. O. Johnson.
Taylorsville—A. C. Payne, O. F. F. Pool, A. M. St. Clair.
Bethany—E. E. Pool, J. E. Hendren, W. J. Moore.
Beulah—T. R. Barlow, Ish Pennell, Robert Deal.
Liledoun—G. B. Pennell, Webster Teague, Chester Smith.
Elizabeth—A. M. Bumgarner, H. H. Griffin.
Bethel—J. A. Campbell, S. F. Childers, B. B. Barnett.
Little River—N. C. Deal, W. L. Kerley, T. J. Rogers.
Dover—M. S. Pennell, Ed. Mooney, Fred Pennell.
Damascus—I. A. McLain, I. N. Smith.
Mt. Hebron—J. C. Clanton, Ray Clanton, W. C. Wike.
Poplar Springs—W. E. Crouch, Butler Chapman, J. A. Pennell.
Antioch—R. L. Downs, W. A. Hollar, A. V. Teague.
Stony Point—W. Y. Ball, N. P. Stout, D. E. Gryder.
Mt. Olive—D. S. Davis, L. J.. Bumgarner, Parks Russell.
Macedonia—J. M. Fox, J. E. Chatham, C. M. Fincannon.
Sulphur Springs—A. Q. Patterson, J. W. Hines, A. H. Thomas.
Millersville—G. W. Stafford, Jay Stafford, Perry Jolley.
East Taylorsville—S. G. Earp, T. J. Fortner, F. R. Duncan.
Pleasant Hill—Jeffie Daniels, Peter Daniels, Benjamin Munday.
White Plains—G. M. Grant, L. C. Boston, C. C. Mayberry.
Lebanon—J. M. Fortner, L. G. Sweet, G. W. Bumgarner.
Three Forks—R. B. McLeod, James Chapman, Fred Watts.
Concord—F. L. Gryder, F. C. Lackey, James Mitchell.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION

On motion of Elder W. J. Bumgarner the following officers were elected by acclamation:

J. L. GWALTNEY, Moderator.
R. L. DOWNS, Clerk.
J. E. CHATHAM, Treasurer.
A. C. PAYNE, Historian.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees:

Nominations—E. V. Bumgarner, C. C. Holland, E. E. Pool.

Digest of Church Letters—V. W. Teague, J. E. Chatham, I. A. McLain.

Devotional Exercises—Pastor and Messengers of Taylorsville church.

Visiting brethren were then called for and the following responded and were welcomed to seats by the Moderator:

Brother C. G. Martin and Elder J. H. Boggs, of the South Fork Association, Elders Leroy and Grover Teague and Brethren J. R. Swanson, James Raby and Frank Haas of the Caldwell Association, Elder D. W. Pool of the Pilot Mountain Association, Elder Uriah Farthing of Oklahoma, Elders W. C. Meadows and Isaac Watts of the Brushy Mountain Association, Elder Jackson Teague, of Henderson, N. C., Elder R. Lee Davis, South Yadkin Association, and Elder K. D. Stukenbrok of the Brushy Mountain Association.

On a call for new churches Smyrna presented a letter wih the request to be allowed to join the Association. The request was granted and the following Messengers enrolled:

B. W. Teague, Carl Fox, Q. L. Frye.

The Clerk then read the Constitution and By-Laws.

Vacancies on standing committees were filled as follows:

Spiritality of the Churches—D. W. Pool.

Sunday Schools—Charles E. Echerd.

Reports of standing committees were then called for and Elder E. V. Bumgarner submitted the report on Fundamental Doctrines.

The subject was ably discussed by Elders E. V. Bumgarner, W. C. Meadows, J. H. Boggs, D. W. Pool, Leroy Teague, G. C. Teague, Jackson Teague, K. D. Stukenbrok and Uriah Farthing. The matter was left open for further discussion tomorrow.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported:

Sermon tonight by Elder K. D. Stukenbrok.

Adjourned.

The congregation assembled again at 7 o'clock, P. M., and Elder K. D. Stukenbrok preached: Text: Acts, 27:25.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises announced:

Prayer service tomorrow morning conducted by Elder J. H. Boggs.

Dr. C. E. Maddry to have the 11 o'clock hour to address the Association.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Met as per adjournment. Prayer meeting conducted by Elder J. H. Boggs. Scripture lesson from the 13th chapter of Numbers.

The Association was then called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Elder A. T. Pardue.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Delinquent churches were then called for and letters were presented and read and Messengers enrolled as follows:

Pleasant Grove—J. I. W. Levan, J. C. Goforth, J. L. Childers.
Linney's Grove—J. F. Baker, C. J. Gwaltney, J. R. Frye.
Taylor Springs—L. T. Younger, R. D. Williams, J. P. Williams.
Bethlehem—V. W. Teague, M. A. Teague, James Cline.

The following visitors were recognized and welcomed to seats in the Association, viz: Elder W. R. Beach, representing the Biblical Recorder, Dr. C. E. Maddry, Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, Elder W. R. Bradshaw of Hickory, Elder H. S. Bendfield of the Caldwell Association and Elder A. T. Pardue of the Brushy Mountain Association.

The report on Fundamental Doctrines was again taken up and after being further discussed by Elder W. J. Bumgarner was adopted.

REPORT ON FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES

Fundamental doctrines are those doctrines or foundation principles that underlie the whole system of the Christian religion and by which it must stand or fall. That there is a sad departure from the fundamentals of our faith the most optimistic will not

deny. Every passing breeze brings to our troubled ears some new attack upon these age-old doctrines. We instance the inspiration of the Bible, the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, the total depravity of our fallen race, repentance toward God as the initial in man's salvation, regeneration by the self existent spirit and as a fruit of this tree, a life of holiness and self abnegation "without which no man shall see the Lord."

If the foundations be destroyed what can the righteous do? Psa. 11:3. Again, If the trumpet give an uncertain sound who shall prepare himself to the battle?

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit after the traditions of men, after the rudiments of the world and not after Christ. Col. 2:8.

To the law and to the testimony. If they speak not according to this word it is because there is no light in them. Isa. 8:20.

Respectfully submitted,

E. V. BUMGARNER.

Elder J. S. Stephenson read the report on Temperance. After being spoken to by Elders J. S. Stephenson, W. R. Bradshaw and Uriah Farthing it was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

The Savior said let nothing be lost, but that is lost that is misused. All intemperance is ill, but drunkenness is of the worst sort, it spoils the health, dismounts the mind and unmans men. In fine, he that is drunk is not a man, because he is void of that which distinguishes him from a beast.

But there are other forms of intemperance. Many of our people are violating the Sabbath, God's holy day, with the automobile.

Many of our women in this modern age of fashion are intemperately dressing, when the word of God plainly says for them to adorn themselves in modest apparel that becometh Godliness. Emerson says, "Every excess causeth a defect." "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching them that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live SOBERLY, righteously and Godly in this present world, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ."

J. S. STEPHENSON.

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived the congregation sang, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?" and Dr. C. E. Maddry addressed the Association on the work of the Baptist State Convention.

Intermission.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Resumed business at 1:30 P. M. Prayer by Elder C. F. Friday.

Elder A. W. Wilcox presented the report on Missions.

Pending its adoption speeches were made by the following brethren: Elder A. W. Wilcox, Brother J. L. Gwaltney, Elder W. J. Bumgarner, Brother C. E. Echerd and Elders Uriah Farthing, C. C. Holland, D. W. Pool, R. Lee Davis and Brother Q. L. Frye. At the close of the discussion the report was adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

The command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature" was given primarily to the disciples or preachers. Christ had just said, "All power is given unto me" and closes the command by the assurance, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world," and while God uses his people as he did the ravens to feed Elijah, the command is "Go and I will be with thee," and we are not to doubt his power to keep us. He does not say he will always provide comforts or even keep his missionaries from suffering, but we see the very reverse, those very disciples were persecuted from city to city, suffering and destitute; but God's power is manifest in converts wherever they go. God's plan of evangelizing the world is the same always, and he would have us to depend on him alone today, both at home and on the foreign field; and what is lacking in our support is to be provided as Paul did, Acts 20:34-35, 1st Thess. 1:9, 2nd Thess. 3:8-9, laboring with his own hands. Also for instance some of our greatest modern missionaries, as Cary, Yates, Crawford and others, who not only suported themselves but contributed to the support of others after they were cut off from the home support. When the world is at last brought to Christ, it will be by this same class of self-sacrificing men of God, both native and foreign, who will feel as Paul did, "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel," whether they are supported or not. While the command "Go" is a contract between God and his Missionary, there is another contract existing between God and his people, and what has been said in the foregoing does not lessen, in any sense, the duty of his people to contribute to the support of his missionaries, 1st Corinthians, 9:7-19, Romans 10:14-15. Yet we are in danger today of thinking of this as a contract between the people and the missionary. In this mistaken conception of the commission lies the great danger of modern missions today.

Respectfully submitted,
A. W. WILCOX,
J. L. GWALTNEY,
Committee.

On motion of Elder W. J. Bumgarner, Brother J. L. Gwaltney was appointed to visit the various churches of the Association in the interest of Missions and the Sunday School work.

Elder C. C. Holland offered the following resolution which after general discussion was adopted:

Resolved, That the Association recommends that the churches contribute to the support of Elder H. A. Roshto, of Pineville, La., a home missionary of the Baptist faith.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported:

Elder A. T. Pardue to preach at 7 o'clock tonight.

Elder S. I. Watts to conduct prayer meeting tomorrow morning.

Elder D. W. Pool to preach tomorrow at 11 o'clock, A. M.

Closed with prayer by Elder D. W. Pool.

At 7 o'clock, P. M., the people again assembled in the church and Elder A. T. Pardue preached an interesting sermon from the 13th verse of the 4th chapter of Romans.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Met as per adjournment. Devotional exercises were conducted by Elder S. I. Watts. Scripture lesson from 2nd chapter 1st Timothy.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Brother O. F. F. Pool.

On a call for delinquent churches letters were handed in and Messengers enrolled as follows:

Pilgrim—W. R. Fox, W. G. Milsaps, Cleve Queen.

Mt. Nebo—G. L. Steele, C. A. Burgess, Lex Hammer.

On motion it was ordered that the chairmen of committees be limited to a speech of twenty minutes in discussing reports. Others following to be limited to ten minutes each.

Elder W. J. Bumgarner read the report on Church and Pastoral Relations.

The subject was discussed by Elder W. J. Bumgarner and adopted.

CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATIONS

The pastor bears the relation to his people as father to child, or mother to her children. Also that of shepherd to his flock, Acts, 20:28-35. Here he is admonished to feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but

willingly, not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind. Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock, 1st Pet. 5:1-3, and Acts 20:28-38.

Paul labored with his hands as an ensample to others, 2nd Thess. 3:9.

To Church:

Heb. 13:17, Obey them that have the rule over you and submit yourselves; for they watch for your souls as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy and not with grief, for that is unprofitable for you. Read 1st Cor. 9:8-12 and vs. 13, 14. We your committee, therefore urge you to see to it that your pastor is taken care of

In the language of Paul, He desires fruit that may abound to your account. Respectfully submitted,

W. J. BUMGARNER.

Visiting brethren being invited Brother T. R. Sherrill of the Watauga Association responded and was welcomed to a seat with us.

On motion Elder D. W. Pool read last year's report on Spirituality of the Churches, but the discussion of the subject was deferred until the afternoon session.

Brother A. C. Payne read the report on Duties to the Poor.

After the subject had been discussed by Brother A. C. Payne the report was adopted.

DUTIES TO THE POOR

Your committee reports with a great deal of satisfaction that there was an increase in the contributions by the churches over last year to this object of more than two hundred dollars. We have faith that if this matter is laid upon the hearts of the people at the proper time and in the right way, that the churches of this association will not be lacking in their duty in this respect.

We wish to urge the pastors and superintendents of Sunday Schools to take at least once a month an offering for the Thomasville Orphanage. We call attention to the great number of children in North Carolina who have neither parents nor home, and who are knocking at the doors of the different orphanages in the State which on account of the great numbers already within can not admit them. We hope and trust that no Baptist Church in this association will neglect such, if within their bounds.

The local poor should have the attention of the churches; no church can do its duty and neglect them. We wish to recommend that a survey be made by each church in the association as to the

needy poor and the orphan, and that the same be given proper attention.

Our duty in these connections is so well defined and known that a failure to perform it becomes gross negligence on our part, and we cannot receive the blessings promised if we fail to do so.

A. C. PAYNE.

The hour having arrived for preaching the congregation sang a hymn and Elder D. W. Pool preached an interesting and helpful sermon. Text: Phil. 3:13.

Intermission.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Resumed business at 1 o'clock, P. M.

Elder J. M. Shaver of the Caldwell Association was recognized and gladly welcomed to a seat in the body.

The report on Spirituality of the Churches was taken up and after being spoken to by Elders D. W. Pool and J. P. Gwaltney was adopted.

SPIRITUALITY OF THE CHURCHES

We, your committee, rejoice with joy unspeakable in some real revivals of religion and some "seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord," yet this rejoicing is "with trembling," as we note the marked and general decline in spiritual power of the churches. There are no effects without a cause. Where shall we look for the cause or causes of this decline? May not one cause be the irreverant attitude toward the church and worship of the living God? Again the sad neglect of Bible study among professed believers, and failure to cultivate some of the Christian graces, for example, the grace of giving. Paul said, "See that ye abound in this grace also." But we should never lose sight of the fact that to be spiritual we must be spirit born, spirit filled and spirit panoplied. We should safe guard as the apple of the eye those fundamentals that underlie the salvation of the soul and cling tenaciously to the old methods of saving the lost by preaching a pure gospel and waiting on the self existent spirit to convict the sinner and convert the mourner in Zion.

Respectfully,
D. W. POOL, For Committee.

Elder E. V. Bumgarner submitted the report on Nominations, which was adopted as submitted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

Your committee submits the following report:
Fundamental Doctrines—W. E. Linney, D. W. Pool.
Temperance—W. J. Bumgarner, T. E. Payne.

Church and Pastoral Relations—A. W. Wilcox, A. E. Watts.
Spirituality of the Churches—C. C. Holland, S. I. Watts.
Missions—J. L. Gwaltney, L. E. Barnes.
Duties to the Poor—J. M. McAlpine, B. F. Peeler.
Evangelism—J. H. Boggs, R. Lee Davis.
Sunday Schools—A. C. Payne, W. E. White.

Messengers to Associations

Caldwell—A. E. Watts.
Briar Creek—J. P. Gwaltney.
South Yadkin—L. E. Barnes.
State Convention—A. C. Payne, C. E. Echerd.

Time of Next Meeting—Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1926.

Place—Antioch.

To preach Introductory Sermon—J. P. Gwaltney.

Alternate—T. E. Payne.

The report of the committee on Digest of Church letters was read by the Clerk and is as follows:

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS

There are now 35 churches in the Alexander Assoiiation, 31 of which are represented at this session by letter.

These letters show a total membership of 4606, 208 Baptisms, 38 deaths, church property valued at $49750. Total contributions, $10,411.54.

Twenty-four Sunday Schools report a total enrollment of 2702.

J. E. CHATHAM,
V. W. TEAGUE,
Committee.

The Clerk was ordered to have 500 copies of Minutes printed and distributed to the churches.

A collection to augment minute fund was taken amounting to $6.35.

By a rising vote, the thanks of the Association was tendered the good people of the town and community for their kindness and hospitality during this session.

The usual collection for the Thomasville Orphanage amounted to $14.38.

The committee on Sunday Schools not being ready to report, Brother C. E. Echerd read last year's report as a basis for the consideration of the subject.

The discussion which followed was participated in by Brethren C. E. Echerd and Q. L. Frye and Elders T. E. Payne and Uriah Farthing.

Later the following report was handed to the Clerk and by the permission of the Executive Board is here used:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

What does the Sunday School mean?

It means the study of the Holy Scriptures and the enrichment of the heart, mind and soul with the vast ocean of precious truths therein contained. It means the implanting of eternal truth and the instilling of right principles in the lives of the young. More than that, it means the salvation of precious souls; for Paul says the Scriptures are able to make us wise unto salvation. It follows therefore that those who engage in this high and holy task should feel that they are engaged in sacred service, one of the most exalted that Jehovah has ever committed to human hands.

W. E. WHITE,
C. E. ECHERD,
Committee.

On motion the following resoution was passed by unanimous vote:

Resolved, That the Trustees of the United Baptist Institute collect and divide, as early as possible, the money now in their hands among the following churches, to-wit: Smyrna, Millersville, East Taylorsville and Fair View.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made the following report:

Elder E. V. Bumgarner to preach tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

On motion adjourned.

SUNDAY

After an appropriate song service Elder E. V. Bumgarner occupied the pulpit.

His sermon was optimistic, strong and vigorous, and gripped the attention of the large audience from start to finish. Text: Matthew 16:18.

Collection for Foreign Missions amounted to $33.38.

Closed with benediction by Elder E. V. Bumgarner.

J. L. GWALTNEY, Moderator.
R. L. DOWNS, Clerk.

HISTORICAL WORK

Taylorsville Church

As to the history of the Taylorsville Baptist Church, in addition to the historical work found in the minutes of the Alexander Baptist Association of 1913, we find according to the records that the following served as pastors of the church, the first church record having been destroyed, we can only go back to January 4th, 1890, when Elder L. P. Gwaltney was serving the church; he resigned Nov. 6th, 1892, when Elder J. A. White was called and served from December 3rd, 1892, until June 3rd, 1900. Elder O. W. Triplett served from September 2nd, 1900, until March 3rd, 1901; Elder L. P. Gwaltney from May 5th, 1901, until Sept. 14th, 1902; Elder W. B. Rivenbark from Sept. 21st, 1902, until Dec. 13th, 1903; Elder L. P. Gwaltney from February 14th, 1904, until January 12th, 1919. Elder E. V. Bumgarner from February 9th, 1919, and who is serving at the present time.

The Clerks of the church have been since January 4th, 1890, in the order named: G. W. Bowles, C. W. Sower, J. M. Oxford, E. C. Sloan, J. L. Gwaltney, and A. C. Payne, the present clerk

Superintendents of the Sunday School since 1890 have been E. A. Womble, E. C. Sloan, J. D. Smith, A. E. Watts, and A. C. Payne.

The Alexander Association has met with the Taylorsville church three times since 1890, to-wit: Sept. 29th, 1892, Oct. 9th, 1913, and Oct. 8th, 1925.

The following is a list of members who died during the last associational year:

Antioch—Brother Wallace Julian, Wade White, Avery Medlock; Sister Mary Austin, Betty Munday, and Margaret White.

Bethlehem—Brother Wilson Davis, and Sister Martha J. White.

Damascus—Brother Richard J. Bryant, Alexander A. Sloan, Abram C. Jones; Sister Lillie Emma Martin, and Behetha Duncan.

Dover—Brother Alexander Pennell, and Sister Martha Walker.

Hiddenite—Brother S. P. Williams.

Little River—Brother L. S. Deal, Sister Catharin Ellis, and Jane Jerman.

Linney's Grove—Sister Bertha Munday, and Martha Gwaltney.

Liledoun—Brother David Mitchell, and Wiliam Smith.

Lebanon—Sister Christine Sweet.

Mt. Olive—Brother Chas. E. Lowe, and Edison Lowe.

Mt. Nebo—Sister Hallie Smith.

Mt. Herman—Brother Peter Barnes, and I. M. Mitchell.

Mt. Hebron—Brother W. R. Barnett.

Sulphur Springs—Sister Alice Head.

Taylorsville—Sister Jane Meadows.

Taylor Springs—Brother John Melton Mayberry.

Three Forks—Brother Benjamin M. Harrington, John Childers, Partee Childers, and Sister Lucretia Watts.

Bethany—Sister Rebecca Poole, died Aug. 26, 1925, age 94 years and 10 months, widow of Rev. William Poole.

The following is a list of the members who died during the associational year ending September 30th, 1924:

Antioch—Sister Mary Caldwell, and Evaline Crouch.

Bethlehem—Mary Lou Lael.

Damascus—Brother John Preston Stout.

Lebanon—Sister Charlotte Sweet, Adaline Bumgarner, and Kate Orin.

Mt. Olive—Sister M. F. Shuping, and Dollie Sisk.

Mt. Nebo—Sister E. V. Steele, and Susan Thomas.

Macedonia—Brother J. T. Burgess, and Sister S. A. Jones.

Pleasant Hill—Sister Martha Childers, and Alice Gwaltney.

Poplar Springs—Brother J. F. Walker, and John B. Chapman.

White Plains—Sister M. B. Carson.

The historian wishes to say that there may have been others, but these are the ones reported in the letters.

TREASURER'S REPORT

		Missions	Orphanage
Receipts:			
Antioch		$ 13 35	
Bethel		27 00	
Bethany		34 00	
Bethlehem		33 02	$ 2 50
Concord		7 55	
Damascus		18 60	
Stony Point		47 23	
Lebanon		77 35	
Pleasant Grove		22 12	
Macedonia		4 96	
White Plains		21 82	
Linney's Grove		30 00	
Sulphur Springs		42 21	
Three Forks		20 56	
Zion Hill		12 10	
Mt. Hermon		6 51	
Mt. Hebron, by Susan Price		5 00	
Mt. Nebo			6 00
Liledoun		10 35	
Fair View		5 50	
Hiddenite		2 50	
Mt. Olive		7 35	
Taylor Springs		5 00	
C. S. Holton, Charlotte, N. C.		25 00	
J. L. Gwaltney		25 00	
Collection at Association		33 38	14 38
		$537 46	$22 88
Disbursements:			
March 10th, Check to T. L. Blalock	$ 66.00		
May 13th, Check to T. L. Blalock	95.70		
Oct. 12th, Check to T. L. Blalock	$375.76	$537 46	
Oct. 12th, Check to Orphanage			$22 88

J. E. CHATHAM, Treasurer.

TABLE I—MEMBERSHIP AND CHURCH PROPERTY

CHURCH	Pastor and Postoffice	Clerk and Postoffice	GAINS				LOSS			Total Present Members	Regular Days of Meeting	When Constituted	Persons Seated	Value of Church House and Grounds
			Baptisms	Letters	Statements	Restorations	Letters	Exclusions	Deaths					
Antioch	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	V. W. Teague, Taylorsville			1	1	10	5	6	270	4	1826	350	$ 1200
Bethany	L. E. Barnes, Taylorsville	E. E. Pool, Gilreath	3	4		1	21		1	193	3			800
Bethel	L. E. Barnes, Taylorsville	J. P. Campbell, Pores Knob	11	4			6			191	2		300	1000
Bethlehem	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	V. W. Teague, Taylorsville	18	2	1		8	4	2	255	1	1871	500	2000
Beulah	B. F. Peeler, Taylorsville	T. R. Barlow, Taylorsville	8	4			5			91	2 & 4	1914	400	
Concord	T. E. Payne, Hudson	F. L. Gryder, Taylorsville	16				9			217	1	1852	300	3000
Damascus	C. C. Holland, Statesville	I. A. McLain, Statesville	7		2		6	4	5	209	1	1839	300	1600
Dover	S. I. Watts, Boomer	M. S. Pennell, Taylorsville	3	2			5		2	153	4		300	500
East Taylorsville	A. W. Wilcox, Taylorsville	R. L. Chamberlain, Taylorsville	6	19			7			65	1 & 3	1924		
Elizabeth	T. E. Payne, Hudson	J. C. Painter, Charlotte	7	3		1	2		2	140	2			
Fair View	L. E. Barnes, Taylorsville	T. L. Query, Hiddenite	2	6			1			38	4	1921	300	1500
Hiddenite	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	J. W. Hendren, Hiddenite	1					2	1	54	3	1915	400	1500
Island Ford	C. F. Friday, Taylorsville	J. H. Byers, Stony Point												
Lebanon	S. I. Watts, Boomer	G. W. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	2	2		1	3		1	101	2	1884	350	1000
Liledoun	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	G. B. Pennell, Taylorsville		1			6		2	152	2			
Linney's Grove	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	J. F. Baker, Hiddenite	14	6					2	175	4	1895		1060
Little River	B. F. Peeler, Taylorsville	N. C. Deal, Taylorsville	4				3		3	125	1	1795	300	1000
Macedonia	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	J. M. Fox, Taylorsvile					3			156	2		400	800
Millersville	B. F. Peeler, Taylorsville	G. W. Stafford, Taylorsville	1	12	1					32	3	1923	250	2500
Mt. Hebron	D. C. Clanton, Gilreath	V. C. Wike, Taylorsville		2			7			82	2	1915	950	1500
Mt. Hermon	T. E. Payne, Hudson	P. E. Johnson, Taylorsville	21	6					2	155	4	1912	350	1000
Mt. Nebo	J. S. Stephenson, Taylorsville	G. L. Steele, Stony Point	4				2		1	104	3	1907	325	1500
Mt. Olive	S. I. Watts, Boomer	R. T. Lowe, Pores Knob	17	5			7		2	150	2	1865	400	2000
Pilgrim	W. T. Comer, New Hope	J. M. Query, Hiddenite	16	2			7			166	1			950
Pleasant Grove	L. E. Barnes, Taylorsville	J. I. W. Levan, Stony Point	5	3			5	1	1	79	4	1900		1000
Pleasant Hill	L. E. Barnes, Taylorsville	Jeffie Daniels, Taylorsville	5				1			130	1		300	1000
Poplar Springs	S. I. Watts, Boomer	W. E. Crouch, Taylorsville	10	1		1	10		3	178	1		400	600
Sulphur Springs	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	S. F. Cook, Hiddenite	3				3		1	130	3	1867	400	3500
Stony Point	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	W. Y. Ball, Stony Point	2	10			5			253	1		400	2000
Smyrna	J. H. Boggs, Brookford	W. W. Icenhour, Taylorsville	8	1			2			50	1 & 3		500	6000
Three Forks	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville	14	6			7		4	277	3	1857	500	2000
Taylorsville	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville		6			10		1	231	2 & 4	1851	400	8000
Taylor Springs	W. T. Comer, New Hope	L. T. Younger, New Hope	17	3			8	2	1	154	3	1853	500	2000

CHURCH	Treasurer and Post Office	Pastor's Salary	Ministerial Help	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Sunday School and B.Y.P.U. Expenses	Local Poor	Minute Fund, etc.	Other Objects	Home Total
Antioch	H. B. Oxford, Taylorsville	70 00	20 00		17 00	10 50		2 15		119 65
Bethany		114 35	31 50					2 40		148 25
Bethel	J. P. Campbell, Pores Knob	65 00	54 60	79 73				2 10		201 43
Bethlehem	Eli Bendfield, Taylorsville	154 10	49 68	5 50		9 06	8 36	2 10	36 15	264 95
Beulah		58 29	12 00			16 20	13 00	1 00		100 49
Concord	J. T. Gant, Taylorsville	193 22	55 00		12 00	5 60		2 55	25 00	293 37
Damascus	T. H. Sloan, Statesville	125 25	41 93			2 50		2 20		171 88
Dover		110 75	20 00					1 25		132 00
East Taylorsville	S. G. Earp, Taylorsville	215 95	47 53		13 00	1 98		2 80	5 53	286 79
Elizabeth		350 00	35 25			140 28	22 00	4 00		551 53
Fair View			35 00	1000 00				1 25		1036 25
Hiddenite	J. W. Hendren, Hiddenite	94 42	34 00					1 10		129 52
Island Ford										
Lebanon	G. W. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	150 20	28 69	7 00			30 00	1 75	5 00	222 64
Liledoun		105 55				8 00	91 00	2 00		206 55
Linney's Grove	C. J. Gwaltney, Hiddenite	100 00	45 00	12 75	10 00			1 25		169 00
Little River		69 00	43 16				9 28	1 60		123 04
Macedonia		58 40	20 00					1 85		80 25
Millersville	G. W. Stafford, Taylorsville	105 00	50 00			4 00		3 00		162 00
Mt. Hebron						8 00		1 26		9 26
Mt. Hermon	A. W. Johnson, Taylorsville	140 00	30 77	11 45	8 00	25 00	9 12	1 25		225 59
Mt. Nebo	G. L. Steele, Stony Point									
Mt. Olive	E. J. Deal, Pores Knob	125 25	56 00		3 50	22 99		2 20	19 15	229 09
Pilgrim			24 00					2 00		26 00
Pleasant Grove	P. M. Godfrey, Stony Point	83 60	30 00					1 75		115 35
Pleasant Hill	J. G. Harrington, Taylorsville	39 00	35 00				4 25	1 80		80 05
Poplar Springs		83 25	20 00			1 00		1 16		105 41
Sulphur Springs	E. E. Lackey, Hiddenite	230 05	44 95	50 00		61 88	3 15	3 15		398 18
Stony Point		600 00	80 00			85 00		5 30		770 30
Smyrna	Carl Fox, Taylorsville	94 84	34 73	1000 73	15 00	5 08		2 00		1152 38
Three Forks	R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville	100 75	51 25		9 90	5 00	46 45	3 38		216 73
Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville	538 00		275 71	46 25	101 58	7 00	8 00	364 81	1341 35
Taylor Springs	L. T. Younger, New Hope	75 00	55 00	175 00			6 00		9 00	320 00
White Plains	G. M. Grant, Taylorsville	189 52	75 18	9 70	13 62	21 45		2 25	18 17	329 89
Total		4443 65	1160 22	2627 57	148 27	535 10	249 61	78 20	482 81	9719 17

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TABLE II—FINANCIAL (Continued)

CHURCH	Co-Operative Program (Undesignated)	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State and Associational Missions	Orphanage	Hospitals	Ministerial Relief	Other Benevolences	Denominational Total	GRAND TOTAL
Antioch		13 36			12 00			36 00	61 36	181 01
Bethany		34 00			23 80				57 80	206 05
Bethel		28 11			12 00				40 11	241 54
Bethlehem		33 02	34 01		17 11		18 57		102 71	367 66
Beulah										100 49
Concord		8 55							8 55	301 92
Damascus		75 28			25 55	11 59			112 42	284 30
Dover										132 00
East Taylorsville		35 62			19 20				54 82	341 61
Elizabeth		81 00			24 00				105 00	656 53
Fair View		5 50							5 50	1041 75
Hiddenite		3 50			29 14				32 64	162 16
Island Ford										
Lebanon		102 85			20 00				122 85	345 49
Liledoun		10 35			11 00				21 35	227 90
Linney's Grove		30 00			10 00				40 00	209 00
Little River										123 04
Macedonia		4 96							4 96	85 21
Millersville										162 00
Mt. Hebron										9 26
Mt. Hermon		6 51			7 87				14 38	239 97
Mt. Nebo					6 00				6 00	6 00
Mt. Olive		16 63			5 67				22 30	251 39
Pilgrim										26 00
Pleasant Grove		22 12			15 55				37 67	153 02
Pleasant Hill										80 05
Poplar Springs										105 41
Sulphur Springs		42 12			21 10				63 22	461 40
Stony Point		47 23			151 83				199 06	969 36
Smyrna	10 40								10 40	1162 78
Three Forks		20 61			11 00				31 61	248 34
Taylorsville	15 00	7 50		12 50	111 84				146 84	1478 19
Taylor Springs		18 40			28 00				46 40	366 40

CHURCH	Superintendents and Post Offices	Secretaries and Post Offices	Officers and Teachers	Beginners, 3-5	Primaries, 6-8	Juniors, 9-12	Intermediates, 13-16	Seniors and Adults	Cradle Roll, under 3	Total Enrollment	Baptisms From Sch	Gifts to Local Church Work	Gifts to Missions, Orphanage, etc.
Antioch	E. C. Keller, Taylorsville	Claude Keller, Taylorsville	7		18	14	15	36		90			
Bethany	J. M. Costner, Pores Knob	Rosa Lee Moore, Pores Knob	6							72			
Bethel													
Bethlehem	M. A. Teague, Taylorsville	Fred Teague, Bentley	9		29	48	19	48		153	10		
Beulah	Ish Pennell, Taylorsville	Ralph Lail, Taylorsville	5	22	10	10		25		72	7		
Concord	F. C. Lackey, Stony Point	F. C. Lackey, Stony Point	8	18	17	26	25	61	12	167	16		
Damascus	A. A. Leach, Statesville	R. N. Sloan, Statesville	6		15	20		20		61	4		8 46
Dover	W. D. Mooney, Taylorsville	Fred Pennell, Taylorsville	3							50	1		
East Taylorsville	T. J. Fortner, Taylorsville		5	20	22			40		87			27 10
Elizabeth	J. C. Painter, Charlotte	Ralph Painter, Charlotte								148			
Fair View	W. B. Hendren, Hiddenite	Mrs. T. L. Query, Hiddenite	6	10	12	10	10	18		66	2		
Hiddenite	J. W. Hendren, Hiddenite		10	8	12	8	10	25		73	1		62 40
Island Ford													
Lebanon	L. G. Sweet, Taylorsville	G. W. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	6							60		15 00	4 00
Liledoun	Webster Teague, Taylorsville	Perry Stafford, Taylorsville	4										
Linney's Grove	A. E. Millsaps, Hiddenite	Miss Flora Bowles, Hiddenite	7							45	7		
Little River													
Macedonia													
Millersville													
Mt. Hebron	G. F. McNeil, Taylorsville	R. C. Davis, Taylorsville	5	14		16	26			61			
Mt. Hermon	L. C. Echerd, Taylorsville	Miss Bessie Echerd, Taylorsville	9		43	37	45	48		182	17		
Mt. Nebo	G. L. Steele, Stony Point	Daphne Blankenship, Stony Point	5	6	10	15	13	12		61			
Mt. Olive	H. S. Deal, Pores Knob	Roscoe T. Lowe, Pores Knob	5	10		20	20	40		95	13		10 59
Pilgrim	W. R. Fox, New Hope	Mrs. Ada Millsaps, Hiddenite								70	15		
Pleasant Grove	R. L. Levan, Stony Point	Rosa Lee Childers, Stony Point	7							86	5		
Pleasant Hill	J. C. Deal, Taylorsville	Jeffie Daniels, Taylorsville	3							50	2		
Poplar Springs	D. L. Brookshire, Taylorsville	Allie Robinette, Taylorsville	6	6	7	8	7	16		50			
Sulphur Springs	A. Q. Patterson, Hiddenite	J. G. Lackey, Hiddenite	9	21		21		101		152		4 50	4 60
Stony Point	A. L. Watts, Stony Point		8	20	12	20	20	90		170			151 83
Smyrna	Rome Teague, Taylorsville		9	7	9	8	4	16	4	57	2		
Three Forks	John Webster, Taylorsville		6	23		24	25	25		103	12		
Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville	E. F. Harrington, Taylorsville	13		39	66	48	94		269			111 84
Taylor Springs	Mrs. Salona Williams, Jennings	Lottie B. Williams, New Hope	7							100			
White Plains	J. A. Robinette, Hiddenite	Eunice Grant, Taylorsville	6	10	10	15	39	35		115	16	6 37	
Total			180	167	265	386	326	750	16	2765	129	25 87	380 82

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Barnes, L. E. ..... Hiddenite, N. C.
Boggs, J. H. ..... Hickory, N. C.
Davis, R. Lee ..... Statesville, N. C.
Friday, C. F. ..... Taylorsville, N. C.
Gwaltney, J. P. ..... Hiddenite, N. C.
Holland, C. C. ..... Hays, N. C.
Linney, W. E. ..... Wilkesboro, N. C.
McAlpine, J. M. ..... Stony Point, N. C.
Poole, D. W. ..... Hiddenite, N. C.
Peeler, B F. ..... Taylorsville, N. C.
Payne, T. E. ..... Hudson, N. C.
Stephenson, J. S. ..... Taylorsville, N. C.
Teague, Levi W. ..... Taylorsville, N. C.
Watts, A. E. ..... Taylorsville, N. C.
Watts, S. I. ..... Boomer, N. C.
Wilcox, A. W ..... Mooresville, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1926

11 a. m.—Introductory sermon by Elder T. E. Payne. Text: Daniel 2:44.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, J. L. Gwaltney. Prayer service by Elder A. W. Wilcox.

On motion of W. J. Bumgarner, the reading of the Church Letters was dispensed with.

Letters from the following churches were received and messengers enrolled as follows:

Antioch—Vance W. Teague, H. B. Oxford, W. A. Hollar.
Bethany—E. E. Pool, J. E. Hendren.
Bethel—S. C. Campbell.
Bethlehem—E. G. Benfield, Van W. Teague.
Beulah—
Concord—F. C. Lackey, R. J. Matheson, E. C. Martin.
Damascus—W. E. Shaver, E. E. Leach.
Dover—Ed Mooney.
East Taylorsville—T. J. Fortner.
Elizabeth—A. M. Bumgarner, P. B. Barnes.
Fairview—T. L. Query.
Hiddenite—D. F. Milstead.
Island Ford—
Lebanon—J. M. Fortner.
Liledoun—C. A. Smith, G. B. Pennell, Claude Chapman.
Little River—
Macedonia—J. M. Fox, D. A. Carrigan, A. M. Stafford.
Millersville—G. W. Stafford, C. M. Icenhour, W. A. Thompson.
Mt. Hebron—J. C. Clanton.
Mt. Hermon—P. E. Johnson, U. A. Teague, L. C. Echerd.
Mt. Nebo—
Mt. Olive—H. S. Deal.
Pilgrim—Allie Patterson, W. G. Millsaps.
Pleasant Grove—
Pleasant Hill—
Poplar Spring—W. E. Crouch.
Sulphur Spring—S. T. Cook.
Stony Point—W. Y. Ball, D. A. Sharpe, C. W. Combs.
Smyrna—B. W. Teague, Charlie Cline, M. G. Bowman.
Three Forks—R. B. McLeod.
Taylorsville—A. C. Payne, James Harrington.
Taylor Spring—F. C. Redman, F. C. Williams.
White Plains—J. A. Robinette.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION

On motion of A. E. Watts, J. L. Gwaltney was re-elected Moderator.

On motion of A. C. Payne, W. E. White was elected Clerk.

On motion J. E. Chatham was re-elected Treasurer, and A. C. Payne was re-elected Historian by acclamation.

The Moderator appointed the following committees: Nominations—W. J. Bumgarner, Romulus Stephenson, A. C. Payne; Digest of Church Letters—C. E. Echerd, H. B. Oxford, P. E. Johnson; Devotional Evercises—W. J. Bumgarner, Vance W. Teague, H. B. Oxford, W. A. Hollar.

The following visiting brethren accepted seats with the Association: Vance McGhinnis, Brushy Mountain Association; H. B. Chronister, South Mountain; J. M. Shaver, W. S. McLeod, R. L. Downs, Caldwell; L. O. White, South Yadkin.

On motion, the reading of the Constitution and By-Laws was omitted.

The Moderator appointed supplemental members of committees as follows: Fundamental Doctrines, J. M. Shaver; Evangelism, R. L. Downs; Spirituality of the Churches, E. V. Bumgarner; Church and Pastoral Relations, A. E. Watts.

A. W. Wilcox read the Report on Church and Pastoral Relations.

REPORT ON CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATIONS

The pastor bears the relation to his people as father to his child, or mother to her children; also that of the shepherd to his flock. Acts 20:28-35. Here he is admonished to feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind. Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. I Peter 5:1-3, and Acts 20:28-38. Paul labored with his hands as an ensample to others. II Thess. 3:9.

To Church:

Heb. 13-17: Obey them that have the rule over you and submit yourselves, for they watch for your souls as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy and not with grief, for that is unprofitable for you. Read I Cor. 9:8-12 and verses 13-14. We, your committee, therefore urge you to see to it that your pastor is taken care of. In the language of Paul, "He desires fruit that may abound to your account."

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. WILCOX and A. E. WATTS.

The report was discussed by A. W. Wilcox and A. E. Watts and adopted.

W. J. Bumgarner read the Report on Temperance. Pending the motion to adopt, the report was discussed by T. E. Payne, W. J. Bumgarner, T. J. Fortner, A. C. Payne, L. O. White and J. M. McAlpine.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Temperance, Webster says, is "Moderation, especially in respect to the appetites or passions; patience; sobriety; total abstinence." Temperance, as used in the Scriptures, means self-control, and we as Christians should consider it as related to every phase of life.

Our prohibition laws, both State and national, are adequate for the abolishing of the liquor traffic if only enforced. We should make it a point to elect men for office who have regard for law and for their oath of office, and then we as Christians should help to create and sustain a healthy public sentiment against the blockader and blind tiger, and for obedience to law, and law enforcement. As for the election of officers, God in His Word has given the order—Ex. 18:21—"Moreover, thou shalt provide out of all the people able men such as fear God, men of truth, hating coveteousness; and place such over them to be rulers." Deut. 17:14-16; Exo. 22:28. Our duty to officers—Eccl. 8:2, I Tim. 2:1-2, Titus 3:1. I Peter 2: 13, 14, 17, "When the righteous rule the people rejoice; but when the wicked rule the people mourn." Under the prohibition law we are glad to note that all over the country we have better schools, roads, churches and homes. And yet some say it is worse than before prohibition. There is none so blind as the man who will not see. It is a sad truth that there is a lot of drunkenness nowadays, and the crime wave is very high as the result of liquor, and we recommend that we as preachers and delegates of this Alexander Baptist Association work and pray and use our influence against this great evil, and to see that the right man is put in office. Time and space would fail to speak of Sabbath desecration, automobile riding, swimming pools, dances, etc.

T. E. PAYNE,
W. J. BUMGARNER,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

A. W. Kellar read the action of Antioch Church assigning homes for messengers.

The Committee on Religious Exercises made announcements.

The Moderator added Grover C. Teague to the Committee on Evangelism.

Adjourned to meet at 9:30 a. m. Friday.

SECOND DAY—FRIDAY

9:30 a. m.—Devotional service conducted by Rev. Mr. Hager, a Methodist minister.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Messengers from Bethany and Taylor Spring churches arrived with letters.

D. W. Pool read the Report of the Committee on Fundamental Doctrines adopted by the Association of 1925 as a basis for the discussion of the subject at the present session. The subject was discussed by D. W. Pool, B. F. Austin and J. M. Shaver.

REPORT ON FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES

Fundamental doctrines are those doctrines or foundation principles that underlie the whole system of the Christian religion and by which it must stand or fall. That there is a sad departure from the fundamentals of our faith the most optimistic will not deny. Every passing breeze brings to our troubled ears some new attack upon the age-old doctrines. We instance the inspiration of the Bible, the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, the total depravity of our fallen race, repentance toward God as the initial step in man's salvation, regeneration by the self-existent spirit, and, as a fruit of this tree, a life of holiness and self-abnegation "without which no man shall see the Lord."

If the foundations be destroyed what can the righteous do? Psa. 11:3. Again, If the trumpet give an uncertain sound who shall prepare himself to the battle?

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit after the traditions of men, after the rudiments of the world and not after Christ. Col. 2:8.

To the law and to the testimony. If they speak not according to this word it is because there is no light in them. Isa. 8:20.

Respectfully submitted, E. V. BUMGARNER.

The report was again adopted.

11 a. m.—Sermon by Rev. B. F. Austin. Text: Matt. 27:22.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Moderator presiding.

Messengers from Mt. Olive and Poplar Spring churches arrived with letters.

A. C. Payne read the Report of the Committee on Duties to the Poor.

Bro. E. N. Gardner, representing the Thomasville Orphanage, made an address on the operations of that institution and a collection was taken for its benefit amounting to $13.54. The discussion was further continued by J. S. Stephenson and A. C. Payne.

REPORT ON DUTIES TO THE POOR

Within the bounds of this Association, so far as your committee is able to ascertain, while there are a great many poor, still, according to our information, there are none who are suffering

for the want of the necessities of life. But it is the well-defined duty of Christian people to ever have the welfare of the poor on their hearts, and especially those of us who have plenty and to spare; for who distributes the wealth and good things of this world? Let the Scriptures answer: "Jehovah maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, he also lifeth up." I Sam. 2:7. What, then, is the duty of the rich to the poor? "Oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the sojourner, nor the poor." Zech. 7:10. "Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away." Matt. 5:42. "When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy neighbors, nor thy brethren, nor thy kinsmen, nor rich neighbors; lest haply also they bid thee again, and a recompense be made thee. But when thou makest a feast, bid the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind." Luke 14:12, 13. "And when Jesus heard it, he said unto him, One thing thou lackest yet: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor." Luke 18:22.

What will be the reward of those who thus treat them? "Blessed is he that considereth the poor: Jehovah will deliver him in the day of evil." Ps. 41: 1.

What is the danger of those who despise and neglect them? "Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry, but shall not be heard." Prov. 21:13.

Respectfully submitted. A. C. PAYNE.

The report was adopted.

By permission, Rev. W. R. Beach presented the claims of the "Biblical Recorder" upon the Baptists of North Carolina.

By permission, Rev. W. J. Bumgarner presented the claims of the "Forerunner" upon the Baptists of North Carolina.

The Report of the Committee on Evangelism was read and discussed by Elders J. H. Boggs and Grover C. Teague, and adopted. (This document never reached the Clerk's desk.)

A. C. Payne read the Report of the Committee on Nominations and it was adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

Fundamental Doctrines—E. V. Bumgarner, V. W. Teague, Sr.
Temperance—A. E. Watts, R. B. McLeod.
Church and Pastoral Relations—C. E. Echerd, W. E. Linney.
Spirituality of the Churches—J. M. McAlpine, S. I. Watts.
Missions—A. C. Payne, B. F. Peeler.
Duties to the Poor—H. S. Deal, C. C. Holland.
Sunday Schools—W. E. White, J. H. Boggs.
Evangelism—T. E. Payne, R. Lee Davis.
Messengers to Associations—Brier Creek, L. E. Barnes; Cald-

well, T. E. Payne; South Yadkin, C. C. Holland; South River, Boone Teague; Brushy Mountain, H. S. Deal.

State Convention—A. C. Payne, C. E. Echerd.

Southern Baptist Convention—J. W. Watts.

Time of Next Meeting—Thursday before second Sunday in October, 1927.

Place—Mt. Olive.

To preach introductory sermon, J. H. Boggs; alternate, A. E. Watts.

A. C. PAYNE,
W. J. BUMGARNER,
J. S. STEPHENSON,
Committee.

A. C. Payne read the Report of the Committee on Sunday Schools. The report was adopted and the Committee on Religious Exercises was directed to arrange for the discussion of the subject on Sunday morning.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

It is said the Sunday School is the "Church at Work." We believe this to be true in a large measure. We urge that a closer relation between the Church and Sunday School be maintained in order that the real spirit and intention of the Sunday School may be carried out. We further urge that a special effort be made to get all people enlisted in some Sunday School, and that everything possible be done to have all stay to preaching service.

We are glad to report that much better work is being done along Sunday School lines in this Association now, we believe, than has ever been done, and we wish to especially urge that parents co-operate with the Sunday School in a way that will insure the enlistment of their children.

Let our slogan be "Better Sunday Schools," and our goal an evergreen Sunday School in every Church within the bounds of this Association, feeling that it will be bread cast upon the water which will return in due time as a great blessing to the Church, the State and the nation, thereby making better men and women, and ultimately add to the glory of God.

Respectfully submitted.

A. C. PAYNE,
W. E. WHITE .

C. E. Echerd read an incomplete Report of the Committee on the Digest of Church Letters, incomplete because the Church Letters of some of the Churches have not been received.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS TO FRIDAY EVENING

29 Churches Report

Baptisms	147
Total membership	4502
Value of church property	$49,721.00
Paid to pastors	4,502.00
Total local expenses	10,213.00
Co-operative program	45.00
State missions	43.00
Home missions	
Foreign missions	834.88
Hospitals	25.48
Orphanage	278.78
Total to missionary objects	1,256.18
Total to all objects	11,477.13

CHAS. C. ECHERD,
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The Committee on Religious Exercises then made announcements.

Adjourned to Saturday, 9:30 a. m.

THIRD DAY—SATURDAY

9:30 a. m.—Prayer service conducted by Rev. G. C. Teague.

T. E. Payne offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, that E. V. Bumgarner, W. E. White and W. J. Bumgarner be appointed to prepare a biography of Elder L. P. Gwaltney to be printed in the minutes of this session."

A motion to amend the resolution so as to include a portrait to accompany the biography was passed.

The resolution as amended was adopted.

E. V. Bumgarner read the Report on the Spirituality of the Churches.

REPORT ON SPIRITUALITY OF THE CHURCHES

We, your Committee on Spirituality of the Churches, deplore the lack of spiritual power in the individual life and in the church life of our day. From Maine to California comes the cry of spiritual dearth and the lack of spiritual power. There is no effect without a cause. Where, then, shall we look for the causes of our spiritual declension? We submit:

First, that to be spiritual we must be spirit-born and spirit-panoplied. Our churches are being filled with unregenerate members who know nothing of God or His Holiness.

Second. The churches are stooping to material things and making them fundamental instead of incidental in the work God has assigned her here. She is today following the maxims and policies of the world instead of the Holy Spirit in accomplishing His work. See Rev. 11:1 and 12:1-3.

Third. Another cause for our declension is a departure from the vital doctrine of our faith. The doctrines or the word of God is the sword of spirit and He wields no other weapon. The remedy for these existing ills is to anchor firmly to the tried system of a God-called and Spirit-panoplied ministry with a passion for lost souls, the only scriptural means given to save a lost world and the Word of God as a weapon of warfare and as an infallible guide to our faith and practice.

Respectfully submitted. E. V. BUMGARNER.

The report was discussed by E. V. Bumgarner and the Clerk and was adopted.

11 a. m.—The time for a sermon by Rev. W. R. Beach, but he was not present. The Association by vote requested the Clerk to occupy the hour with a talk on the Centennial of Antioch Church, which he did.

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00 p. m.—The Report on Missions was read by the Moderator.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

The command of our Lord to give the Gospel to all the world as recorded in Matthew 25:19-20 is just as binding upon us today as when given to the eleven more than nineteen hundred years ago. Our mission work is divided for convenience into three departments—State, Home and Foreign. The Lord seems to have had something like this in mind when he said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem, all Judea, Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth," Acts 1:8. In carrying out this great commission our first duty is to evangelize the home as a base of supplies for the work out yonder. God's plan of evangelizing the world is the same always, and He would have us depend on Him alone, realizing that it is not by might nor power but by His Spirit that His work is to be accomplished both at home and on the foreign field. What a lost and dying world needs most today is God-loving, God-fearing, God-trusting, God-filled men and women who, like Paul, Cary, Yates, Crawford and Blalock and many others, not relying or trusting in any man-made plans for support or guidance, are willing to swing out on the glorious promises of Almighty God, willing to suffer if needs be, looking to God for wisdom and guidance in all they do. While the command "Go" is a contract between God and His missionary, there is another contract between God and His people just as binding; and what has been said about the missionary does not lessen in any way the duty of the people to contribute to the support of their missionaries. I Corinthians 9:7-14, Romans 10:14-15. In our failure as Christians to discharge the obligations resting on us lies the great danger of modern missions. Respectfully submitted,

L. E. BARNES,
J. L. GWALTNEY.

The Moderator then made an address on Missions and the report was further discussed by W. J. Bumgarner and adopted.

The Clerk was directed to have printed as many copies of the minutes as he can from the Minute Fund after deducting his compensation.

A vote of thanks was given to the people of Antioch church and vicinity for their generous hospitality during the sessions of this body.

Adjourned. Prayer service led by

J. L. GWALTNEY, Moderator.

W. E. WHITE, Clerk.

SABBATH

11 a. m.—Sermon by E. V. Bumgarner. Text: John 11:15.

TREASURER'S REPORT

	Home Mission	Orphanage	Missions
Receipts:			
Bethel	$ 22.86		
Bethany	22.63		
Concord	8.68		
Damascus	54.50		
Dover	2.18	1.00	
East Taylorsville	15.00		
Fairview	8.00		
Hiddenite	12.35		
Linney's Grove	26.00		
Lebanon	81.00		
Little River	7.21		
Liledoun	5.65		
Mt. Olive	10.16		
Mt. Nebo	2.40		
Macedonia		9.13	
Moravian Falls	20.00		
Pilgrim	5.00		
Stony Point	60.00		
Sulphur Springs	71.66	1.00	10.00
Three Forks	15.00	5.56	
Taylorsville	33.34		
White Plains	21.83		
Rev. D. W. Poole	1.00		
Rev. W. J. Bumgarner	20.00		
Mrs. W. J. Bumgarner	5.00		
J. L. Gwaltney	25.00		
C. S. Holton	25.00		
Total receipts	$581.45	$16.69	$10.00

Disbursements:			
Dec. 14—Check to Walters Durham	.....	.....	$10.00
Dec. 14—Check to Orphanage	.....	$ 9.13	.....
Feb. 17—Check to Orphanage	.....	5.56	.....
Feb. 17—Check to T. L. Blalock	$ 65.47	.....	.....
May 22—Check to T. L. Blalock	88.36	.....	.....
July 24—Check to T. L. Blalock	117.63	.....	.....
Oct. 13—Check to T. L. Blalock	309.99	.....	.....
Oct. 13—Check to Orphanage	.....	2.00	.....
Total disbursements	$581.45	$16.69	$10.00

J. E. CHATHAM, Treasurer.

LIST OF DEPARTED MEMBERS

Antioch—Mr. Coburn Keller, Mrs. Sarah Austin, Mrs. Catherine Poole, Mrs. Elizabeth Howell.

Bethel—Mrs. Caroline Carson, Mr. D. A. Daniels.

Bethlehem—Mr. M. A. Teague, Mrs. Effie Icard, Mrs. Montee (May) Jones, Elder T. C. Payne, Mr. H. M. Fox, Mrs. Martha Fox, Mrs. Bertha C. Johnson.

Concord—Mrs. R. C. Clary, Mrs. Jacob Warren, Mr. Alfred Sigman, Mrs. Percelia Pierce.

Damascus—Mrs. Malinda Stout, Mrs. I. I. Goodin, Mr. W. G. B. Hendren.

Dover—Mr. William Lewis, Mrs. Mary Taylor, Mr. Thomas L. Pennell, Mr. Lester Johnson.

East Taylorsville—Rev. J. W. Pharr.

Elizabeth—Mrs. J. M. Pope.

Little River—Mrs. Nancy Bogle.

Macedonia—Mrs. M. A. Dagenhart, Mr. W. G. Gryder.

Mt. Herman—Mrs. M. E. McBride.

Mt. Olive—Mr. Avery Russell, Mrs. Adaline Davis, Mrs. Miriam Wellborn.

Pilgrim—Mrs. Mag White.

Pleasant Hill—Mr. A. G. Bowles, Mr. Sidney St. Clair, Mr. Benjamin Munday.

Poplar Springs—Mrs. Nancy Presnell, Mrs. Mahala Medlock.

Stony Point—Mrs. Chattie Ward Clodfellow, Mr. S. S. Oliver.

Three Forks—Mr. C. H. Ingram, Mr. William Harrington, Mrs. James Brown.

Taylorsville—Elder L. P. Gwaltney, Mr. C. G. Frazier, Mr. Parks Adams, Mrs. Laura Campbell.

White Plains—Mrs. Jane Brown.

The Alexander Association has held three sessions with Antioch Church. The first was held on Oct. 4, 1888, and three days following, being the second session of the Association. The second was held Sept. 28, 29, 30 and Oct. 1, 1905. The history of the church was compiled and printed up to Oct. 1, 1888. The third session held with Antioch has just closed, following the completion of the 100th anniversary of the church's existence.

The church was organized July 29, 1826, by a presbytery consisting of William Dodson, Sr., William Dodson, Jr., Richard Wallace, William Hines, Alexander West and John Swaim. They were all preachers except West, Swaim and Hines, who were deacons. The two Dodsons, father and son, were members of Bethel Church. Wallace and Hines were members of Mt. Gilead Church, or the organization which preceded Mt. Gilead, situated on the creek later known as Hines creek and now known as Davis Mill creek. Swaim was a member of Little River Church and lived on the farm known as the John G. Bryan place. West was a member of Union Church, in what is now Caldwell county, and lived on the farm which is still the residence of his grandson, Decatur West, who is now a very old man and a Baptist. The present Association Historian is his great-grandson.

The 29th of July, 1826, was on Saturday before the fifth Sunday of the same month, and it is a safe presumption that it was chosen for this appointment on this account. It is a matter of tradition that William Dodson, Sr., preached the first sermon in the church building, but this might have occurred on some prior date.

The names of the charter members of Antioch are on record, but not right at hand in reach of the Historian, but several of them had been members of Edward Teague's church, which stood about one mile east of the site of Antioch.

The members of the presbytery in all probability remained in the vicinity of the church on Saturday night, as they traveled in the good old-fashioned, health-giving horseback method, and they were prosperous farmers and owned their own horses and saddles.

More interesting details of this historial occurrence can be given, but as the brethren are paying $4 for each printed page and perhaps some of them will prefer the cash to the history, we will draw our scattering remarks to a close. For the same reason we will pass on the later church history to the good Baptist brother who will write the next time the Association meets with the old church. He will want something to write, anyway.

OBITUARY OF REV. L. P. GWALTNEY

Rev. L. P. Gwaltney, whose likeness appears on another page in these minutes, was born Nov. 3, 1848, and departed this life Dec. 1, 1925, at the age of 77 years. He used to say he was just the age of Alexander county, being born the year the county was organized.

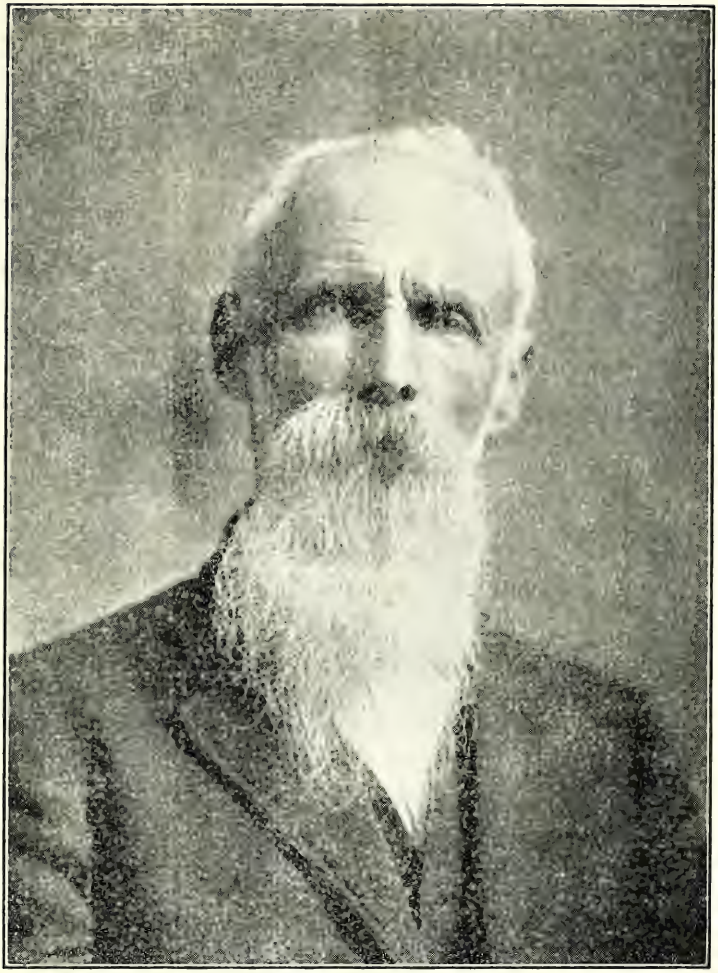
He was a son of James Gwaltney and Clarinda Stephenson Gwaltney, whose ancestors were among the pioneer settlers of this country. He was in his early 'teens when the War of the Sixties broke out. He volunteered his service to his country, but to his great disappointment he could not get the consent of his father, so he did not get to distinguish himself in the service of his country. After the war closed he was in the company that attacked Fort Hamby in Wilkes county. A bullet from the enemy came near ending his career, chipping some hair from the back of his head. Two of his comrades were slain in the attack and the survivors had to retreat to save their lives.

His educational advantages prior to the war and during reconstruction days were poor and very limited indeed. But notwithstanding this fact he by his undaunted courage and unwavering perseverance prepared himself for college and spent one or two years in Wake Forest College, but had to give up his college course before obtaining his degree on account of failing eyesight.

He was married July 11, 1873, to Martha Ellen Hines. To this union were born two sons and five daughters. Robert, the oldest son, and Lizzie, the second daughter, preceded him to the glory land, Lizzie in 1886 and Robert in 1914.

He was ordianed to the ministry about 1870 and for more than fifty years he as faithfully performed the duties and gave as full "proof" of his high calling as any man in the country. He served as pastor a number of churches in Alexander, Wilkes and Iredell counties. He was prompt to a fault, if any man ever was, in filling his appointments and meeting his engagements. This scribe has heard him say if he could not get there on time he would wait till another day. He was late in reaching his appointment once in fifty years, and Uncle Johnnie Watts' clock was twenty minutes late that time. He not only got to his appointments on time, but he began his service when the hour arrived whether the congregation had assembled or not.

As a preacher and pulpit orator he had a readiness in speech, grace in gesture, and a fluent and polished command of language that would have graced any pulpit in the land. Back of these accomplishments rested superior powers of thought, logical consist-



REV. L. P. GWALTNEY

For Nearly Fifty-Seven Years An Expounder of the Gospel in Alexander County.

ency in reasoning, quickness and brilliancy of conception, control of rhetorical expedients, personal magnetism and the ability to sway the feelings of his hearers by sympathetic warmth of utterance. He had rich and full powers of voice, the effective use of language, graceful and commanding attitudes and gestures, and all those personal qualities which thrilled his hearers and gave a living force to his spoken words. He had the vision of a seer, the art of the poet, and the force of the reasoner, and the distinguished ability of clothing his thoughts in a brilliant cloak of words and phrases, and at the same time with such simplicity as to be understood by a child and also to appeal to the judgment of his more mature hearers. He could employ all the expedients of which language is susceptible, all the attraction of which his voice and personality were capable, and all the powers of thought with which his great intellect was furnished.

But all these powers and accomplishments were used not to emblazon his name with aggrandisement, but for the glory of God and the furtherance of His Gospel; and with all his superior powers he was as humble as a little child. He believed that the grace of humility was the palladium of all other Christian graces. He was always considerate of the feelings and views of others, and was loved and honored by all denominations.

As a teacher of the Scripture he could make the study of the Bible as fascinating as a novel. Fortunate indeed was the young preacher who was permitted to sit at his feet.

By his own request his mortal remains rest in the cemetery at Sulphur Springs Church, of which he was the honored and much-loved pastor for years. There they shall rest, guarded by angels, until Christ shall make good his claim to be the resurrection and the life of his sleeping saints; when the darkness of death shall withdraw her sable curtains from the tombs of the just and the morning of the resurrection light up with her immortal rays the glories of an eternal day.

The churches have contributed funds to erect a monument to mark his last resting place.

We feel that "He being dead yet speaketh," and that he will live long in the hearts and lives of the people to whom he preached and for whom he labored, till God said, "It is enough; come up higher and enter thou into the joys of thy Lord." We shall never see his like again. Truly "A prince and a great man is fallen in Israel."

E. V. BUMGARNER, for Committee.

Churches	Pastor and Postoffice	Clerk and Postoffice	Constituted	Time Preac	Baptisms	Letters	Statement	Restoration	Letters	Dismission	Deaths	Total
Antioch	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	Vance W. Teague, Taylorsville	1826	4	9	3	....	1	6	....	4	273
Bethany	L. E. Barnes, Taylorsville	E. E. Pool, Gilreath	1912	3	7	....	....	....	1	1	2	198
Bethel	L. E. Barnes, Taylorsville	S. E. Campbell, Taylorsville	1858	2	4	1	....	....	3	....	2	191
Bethlehem	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	Van W. Teague, Taylorsville	1889	1	9	2	....	....	7	2	7	251
Beulah	Last Year		1914	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	91
Concord	B. F. Peeler, Taylorsville	F. C. Lackey, Stony Point	1832	1	15	2	....	1	....	....	4	231
Damascus	C. C. Holland, Hays	I. A. McLain, Statesville	1839	1	6	2	....	....	5	1	3	208
Dover	S. I. Watts, Boomer	M. S. Pennell, Taylorsville	....	4	4	....	....	....	....	....	4	153
East Taylorsville	A. W. Wilcox, Taylorsville	R. L. Chamberlain, Taylorsville	1924	1 3	4	14	....	....	1	....	1	81
Elizabeth	J. M. McAlpin, Stony Point	J. C. Painter, Charlotte	....	1	....	....	....	....	6	2	1	126
Fairview	L. E. Barnes, Taylorsville	T. L. Query, Hiddenite	1921	4	6	2	....	....	....	....	....	46
Hiddenite	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	J. W. Hendren, Hiddenite	1915	3	1	2	....	....	....	....	....	46
Island Ford	Last Year		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	44
Lebanon	S. I. Watts, Boomer	G. W. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	1884	2	8	....	....	....	....	....	....	109
Liledoun	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	C. A. Smith, Taylorsville	....	4	9	1	....	....	5	....	....	157
Linney's Grove	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	J. F. Baker, Hiddenite	1895	3	1	1	....	....	2	....	....	175
Little River	B. F. Peeler, Taylorsville	N. C. Deal, Jr., Taylorsville	....	1	....	....	....	....	3	....	1	121
Macedonia	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	J. M. Fox, Taylorsville	....	2	....	3	....	1	3	....	2	155
Millersville	B. F. Peeler, Taylorsville	G. W. Stafford, Taylorsville	1923	1 3	16	11	1	....	....	....	....	60
Mt. Hebron	C. F. Friday, Taylorsville	V. C. Wike, Taylorsville	1915	3	4	5	....	....	....	1	....	93
Mt. Hermon	T. E. Payne, Hudson	P. E. Johnson, Taylorsville	1912	4	8	2	....	1	....	1	1	164
Mt. Nebo	Last Year		....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	104
Mt. Olive	S. I. Watts, Boomer	R. T. Lowe, Pores Knob	1865	2	8	....	....	1	4	....	3	152
Pilgrim	W. T. Comer, Hiddenite	J. M. Query, Hiddenite	....	1	4	2	....	....	1	....	1	153
Pleasant Grove	L. E. Barnes, Taylorsville	J. I W. Levan, Stony Point	1900	4	1	....	....	....	1	1	....	78
Pleasant Hill	L. E. Barnes, Taylorsville	Jeffie Daniels, Taylorsville	....	1	3	1	....	....	3	....	3	128
Poplar Spring	S. I. Watts, Boomer	W. E. Crouch, Taylorsville	....	1	....	....	....	1	5	....	2	172
Sulphur Spring	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	S. F. Cook, Hiddenite	1867	3	4	....	....	1	1	....	2	135
Stony Point	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	W. Y. Ball, Stony Point	....	1	2	5	....	1	11	....	2	248
Smyrna	J. H. Boggs, Brookford	W. W. Icenhour, Taylorsville	1923	3	4	....	....	....	2	1	....	51
Three Forks	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville	1857	3	....	1	....	....	5	....	3	270
Taylorsville	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville	1851	2 4	....	2	....	....	14	....	4	215
Taylor Springs	J. W. Rash, Statesville	L. T. Younger, New Hope	1852	3	5	....	1	....	2	....	....	144
White Plains	A. W. Wilcox, Taylorsville	G. M. Grant, Taylorsville	1912	4	5	3	1	....	2	4	1	224
Totals					147	65	3	8	93	14	53	5047

TABLE II—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Churches	Superintendent and P. O.	Secretary and Postoffice	Off's & Teach'rs	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Av. Attendance	Total	Gifts
Antioch	H. B. Oxford, Taylorsville	J. C. Kellar, Taylorsville	9							106		
Bethany	C. J. Hendren, Pores Knob		6							50	70	
Bethel	J. W. McCurdy, Hiddenite	Miss Belle Barnett, Taylorsville	7	8	10	11	8		29		66	
Bethlehem	V. W. Teague, Taylorsville	Fred Teague, Bently	9	26	15	13	17		44		124	53.32
Beulah												
Concord	F. C. Lackey, Stony Point	J. T. Gant, Taylorsville	8	6	22	21	25	17	54		165	13.10
Damascus	A. A. Leach, Statesville	R. N. Sloan, Statesville	5		12	26	10	12	17	40	77	
Dover	W. D. Mooney, Taylorsville	Fred Pennell, Taylorsville	2							17	30	
East Taylorsville	T. J. Fortner, Taylorsville	S. G. Earp, Taylorsville	6	28	15		15		30	56	94	8.63
Elizabeth	J. C. Painter, Charlotte	Ralph Painter, Charlotte	9							75		8.50
Fairview	W. B. Hendren, Hiddenite	Mrs. T. L. Query, Hiddenite	7		22	8	12	10	9		68	
Hiddenite	J. W. Hendren, Hiddenite	Miss Mary Wike, Hiddenite	8	5	10	12	9	16	16		76	
Island Ford												
Lebanon	Jenny Sweet, Boomer	G. W. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	5							40	60	6.00
Liledoun	S. W. Teague, Taylorsville	Perry Stafford, Taylorsville	5									7.50
Linney's Grove	L. R. Sloan, Hiddenite	Miss Gladys Millsaps, Hiddenite	7	8	10	8				31	58	
Little River	H. C. Deal, Jr., Taylorsville	T. C. Barnes, Taylorsville	5	14	20	27			42	60	109	
Macedonia	H. P. Feimster, Taylorsville	J. M. Fox, Taylorsville	9		10	12	8	15	20	41	74	
Millersville	J. B. Thomson, Taylorsville	L. A. Stafford, Taylorsville	6	18	6		8		32	30	70	4.80
Mt. Hebron	G. F. McNeill, Taylorsville	Ray Clanton, Taylorsville	5	10	12	10	15	37	15		152	
Mt. Hermon	L. C. Echerd, Taylorsville	Miss Anna Herman, Taylorsville	7	20		14	26		25		92	
Mt. Nebo												
Mt. Olive	H. S. Deal, Pores Knob	E. J. Deal, Pores Knob	8	15		20		10	35	56	88	
Pilgrim	W. R. Fox, New Hope	W. R. Fox, New Hope	6							50	65	
Pleasant Grove	R. L. Levan, Stony Point	Rosa Childers, Stony Point	6									6.35
Pleasant Hill												
Poplar Spring	J. N. Pool, Taylorsville											
Sulphur Spring	S. F. Cook, Hiddenite	Leach Gooden, Hiddenite	10	22	11	9		51	16	70	119	
Stony Point	A. L. Watts, Stony Point		8							110		125.74
Smyrna	B. W. Teague, Taylorsville	Virgie Icenhour, Taylorsville	8								71	
Three Forks	R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville	Alma Barnes, Taylorsville	7							50	75	5.00
Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville	James Harrington, Taylorsville	12	78	60	64	19	29	60	137	322	80.69
Taylor Springs	Mrs. S. B. Williams, New Hope	Effie Redmon, New Hope	6							50	100	
White Plains	J. A. Robinette, Hiddenite	Eunice Grant, Taylorsville	7	5	14		38		27	60	98	24.80

TABLE III—FINANCE

	Pastors Salary	Other Salaries	Ministers Help	Other Objects	Minute Fund	Total Local	Missions	Orphnage	Grand Total
Antioch	$ 83.00	$ 16.00	$ 53.00	$ 24.00	$ 2.00	$ 178.00	$ 6.56	$ 8.00	$ 192.56
Bethany	106.55	.....	31.00	22.38	2.15	162.78	22.63	13.50	198.81
Bethel	80.00	.....	33.00	7.00	1.65	146.75	22.86	11.46	181.07
Bethlehem	188.00	.....	28.30	70.49	3.00	309.79	43.44	18.27	371.50
Beulah	166.45	11.30	.....	.....	2.40	281.85	8.28	7.25	297.38
Concord	141.00	32.00	.....	30.72	2.00	205.72	79.54	42.16	334.42
Damascus	110.80	.....	30.00	.....	1.25	142.05	2.18	1.00	145.23
Dover	250.30	.....	47.39	1,611.29	3.00	1,911.98	15.00	6.72	1,933.70
East Taylorsville	211.29	66.00	.....	1,521.56	.....	1,988.50	270.77	.....	1,988.50
Elizabeth	.....	.....	35.00	.....	1.00	36.00	11.15	8.00	55.15
Fairview	70.37	.....	17.28	48.00	1.00	136.55	12.35	15.00	162.00
Hiddenite	118.00	.....	30.00	17.00	1.25	196.25	105.93	15.00	317.18
Island Ford	80.15	.....	54.00	47.70	2.35	184.20	5.65	.....	189.85
Lebanon	116.75	.....	35.00	3.50	2.50	157.25	20.00	.....	177.25
Liledoun	97.16	.....	7.50	15.83	1.50	121.99	7.21	.....	129.20
Linney's Grove	.....	28.00	.....	13.50	1.25	42.75	.....	7.15	62.43
Little River	119.02	100.71	.....	46.65	3.00	269.38	.....	.....	269.38
Macedonia	50.00	.....	42.67	19.00	.80	112.47	.....	.....	112.47
Millersville	159.80	.....	38.10	22.27	2.70	222.87	.....	12.26	235.13
Mt. Hebron	108.75	31.25	.....	89.50	2.50	233.75	18.06	.....	251.71
Mt. Hermon	40.00	.....	22.00	11.00	2.25	74.25	5.00	.....	79.25
Mt. Nebo	60.00	20.25	.....	.....	1.50	81.25	8.00	6.35	95.70
Mt. Olive	61.35	25.00	.....	.....	2.00	88.35	8.38	11.00	107.73
Pilgrim	67.00	.....	14.65	.....	.65	82.30	.....	.....	82.30
Pleasant Grove	218.30	.....	37.80	134.52	2.55	393.17	71.60	.....	481.67
Pleasant Hill	775.82	.....	160.00	179.41.	8.30	1,039.12	60.00	.....	1,099.12
Poplar Spring	150.00	.....	24.10	.....	1.55	175.65	25.70	.....	201.35
Sulphur Spring	106.25	.....	33.65	66.75	2.70	.....	15.00	.....	224.26
Smyrna	640.00	.....	65.62	348.00	8.00	1,061.62	.34	125.69	1,220.65
Three Forks	75.00	.....	28.50	.....	3.00	106.50	10.90	78.34	117.40
Taylorsville	148.01	.....	35.00	47.79	2.00	232.80	22.22	34.00	289.02
Taylor Springs									
White Plains									
Totals	$4,629.14	$350.51	$903.56	$4,397.86	$71.80	$10,375.89	$957.81	$342.81	$11,603.37

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Antioch	E. C. Keller
Bethel	L. E. Barnes
East Taylorsville	B. F. Peeler
Hiddenite	D. W. Pool, J. A. Abernathy
Lebanon	W. J. Bumgarner, E. V. Bumgarner
Linney's Grove	J. P. Gwaltney
Macedonia	C. M. Crouch, J. P. Mecimore
Mt. Hermon	L. W. Teague
Mt. Olive	J. S. Stephenson
Sulphur Springs	W. T. Comer
Stony Point	J. M. McAlpine
Taylor Springs	T. H. Williams
White Plains	C. F. Friday

LICENSED MINISTERS

Antioch	C. W. Teague
Linney's Grove	A. I. Milsaps
Mt. Hermon	W. O. Johnson
Sulphur Springs	C. Y. Teague
Taylor Springs	L. T. Younger

PROCEEDINGS

First Day, Thursday, October 6, 1927

11:00 A. M. The Association was opened by singing, "He Loves Me," and other songs. Prayer by Elder J. P. Thomas. Introductory sermon by Elder J. H. Boggs. Text: Acts, 11:26.

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00 P. M. The Association was called to order by the Moderator, J. L. Gwaltney. Prayer by Elder J. W. Rash. The following churches were enrolled:

Bethany—E. E. Pool, F. B. Hendren, W. C. Moore.
Beulah—
Concord—W. R. Martin, F. L. Gryder, D. C. Gant.
Damascus—E. A. Warren, W. J. Page, I. N. Smith.
Dover—Edd Mooney, Fred Pennell, T. P. Walker.
East Taylorsville—F. C. Boston, T. J. Fortner, D. S. Watts.
Elizabeth—A. M. Bumgarner, R. C. Canee, C. S. Holton.
Fairview—T. L. Querry, W. C. Lowe.
Island Ford—
Lebanon—J. M. Fortner, L. G. Sweet, G. W. Bumgarner.
Liledoun—C. A. Smith, Claude Chapman.
Little River—T. Z. Webster, N. C. Deal, W. L. Kerley.
Macedonia—J. L. Mecimore, W. P. Smith, C. M. Fincannon.
Millersville—G. W. Stafford, L. A. Stafford, D. Z. Tipton.
Mt. Hebron—C. C. Deal, Robert Clanton, Vernon Wike.
Mt. Hermon—W. O. Johnson.
Mt. Olive—R. T. Lowe, H. S. Deal, R. B. Lowe.
Pilgrim—Gordon Mayberry, Ally Patterson, W. G. Milsaps.
Pleasant Grove—J. L. Childers, L. S. Johnson, J. R. Teague.
Pleasant Hill—Jeffie Daniels, Fred Harrington, T. M. Daniels.
Poplar Springs—Butler Chapman.
Sulphur Springs—A. O. Patterson, J. B. Smith, L. W. Hines.
Stony Point—D. W. Mayberry, T. J. Ward, D. E. Gryder.
Smyrna—Q. L. Fry, B. W. Teague, C. G. Fox.
Three Forks—R. B. McLeod, Wade Rogers.
Taylorsville—A. C. Payne, C. E. Echerd, E. A. Adams.
Taylor Springs—L. T. Younger, Floyd Williams, Clarence Barker.
White Plains—J. A. Robinette, G. M. Grant, Roy Icenhour.

On motion of Elder A. E. Watts to dispense of reading the letters, carried.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION

J. L. GWALTNEY, Moderator.
R. B. McLEOD, Clerk.
C. E. ECHERD, Treasurer.
H. S. DEAL, Historian.

Resolution of C. E. Echerd to change order of business was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees:

Devotional Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of Mt. Olive Church.
Nominations—E. V. Bumgarner, A. C. Payne, H. S. Deal.
Digest of Church Letters—C. E. Echerd, R. T. Lowe, S. F. Cook.
Finance—A. C. Payne, A. E. Watts, Fred Pennell.

The following visiting brethren accepted seats with the Association:

J. R. McKaughan, of Buncombe Association; J. P. Thomas, of Gaston County Association; R. G. Short, of South Fork Association; V. McGhinnis and A. T. Pardue, of Brushy Mountain Association.

Elder J. P. Thomas made a short but interesting talk on the work of the B. Y. P. U.

The Association adopted the former order of business:

9:30 A. M. Prayer Services.
10:00 A. M. Business Period.
11:00 A. M. Sermon.
1:00 P. M. Business.
Adjourn at will.

Bro. W. E. White read the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association.

Bro. H. S. Deal asked that J. S. Stephenson be appointed on the committee, "Duties to the Poor," which was granted. The report was read by H. S. Deal, chairman of the committee. It was very ably discussed by H. S. Deal, J. S. Stephenson and J. A. McKaughan, and was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON DUTIES TO THE POOR

Our duties to the poor are many. We neglect them on every hand. Your committee wishes to call your attention to two objects which should have our attention.

The pastors and superintendents of our Sunday Schols should

urge the importance upon their Sunday Schools to take an offering at least once a month for the Thomasville Orphanage. This Association has neglected this one duty. But we have faith that if this matter is laid upon the hearts of the people at the proper time and in the right way, that the churches of this Association will not be lacking in their duty. We call attention to the great number of children in North Carolina who have neither parents nor home, and who are knocking at the doors of the different orphanages in the State which on account of lack of funds and equipment cannot be admitted.

Let your Committee urge that no church in this Association fail to do their duty towards the Thomasville Orphanage.

Our local poor should always have the attention of our churches. Our duty in this connection cannot be evaded, if we live up to our obligation as church members and Christians. It is the well-defined duty of Christian people to ever have the welfare of the poor on their hearts.

Let the Scriptures speak to us:

"Blessed is he that considereth the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble.

"The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth; and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies."—Ps. 41:1-2.

"Who stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry, but shall not be heard."—Prov. 21:13.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. DEAL,
J. S. STEPHENSON, Committee.

A motion was made to apoint one or two brethren to visit all Sunday Schools in behalf of the Baptist Orphanage. H. S. Deal and Rev. J. S. Stephenson were appointed.

Elder A. E. Watts read the report on Temperance. It was discussed by A. E. Watts, R. B. McLeod, A. C. Payne and W. J. Bumgarner and was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Temeprance as defined by Webster means the habitual moderation of the appetites and passions. The Bible definition of Temperance is, "The moderate use of all things not hurtful and the abstaining from all things hurtful." This report, relative to Temperance, deals especially with the great common evil, "STRONG DRINK." God commands the people to let Strong Drink aolne. Luke 21:34 says, "AND TAKE HEED TO YOURSELVES, LEST AT ANY TIME YOUR HEARTS BE OVERCHARGED WITH

SURFEITING AND DRUNKENNESS." Romans 13:13 says, "LET US WALK HONESTLY AS IN THE DAY, NOT IN RIOTING AND DRUNKENNESS." The results of strong drink may also be found in the Bible. Prov. 23:29,30,32 says, "Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who hath contentions? Who hath babblings? Who hath wounds without cause? Who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine. At last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder."

The 18th Amendment and the laws made to carry out the spirit of that amendment are ample, we believe, to wipe out the traffic in strong drink, provided the Christian people would all do their duty in helping, but sad to say too many of our people are on the wrong side. It is a terrible indictment, but too many of our church members either make, sell or drink.

May we recommend to all the preachers and delegates here assembled, that we make a special effort during next year to abolish this great common evil, by the use of our influence and prayers to line up every church member against the making, selling, or drinking of strong drink, as conditions do not look as good to your committee as they did two or three years ago.

Respectfully submitted,
A. E. WATTS,
R. B. McLEOD, Committee.

Homes were then assigned to the delegates.

The Committee on Religious Exercises made announcements: Elder W. O. Johnson, prayer services; W. E. Linney to preach 11 o'clock sermon.

Adjourned to meet at 9:30 Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 7, 1927

Prayer services at 9:30 A. M., conducted by W. O. Johnson, who read part of the 6th chapter of Daniel.

10:00 A. M. Association called to order by Moderator. Prayer by Elder A. T. Pardue.

Delinquent churches called for. Bethlehem, Mt. Nebo and Antioch were enrolled:

Antioch—Vance W. Teague, H. B. Oxford.
Bethlehem—D. T. Johnson, V. W. Teague.
Mt. Nebo—W. W. Blankenship, J. T. Christopher, C. A. Burgess.

The report on Missions was called for and read by A. C. Payne.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

In submitting the report on the broad subject of Missions, your

committee wishes to deal in a brief way with State, Home and Foreign Missions.

For almost 100 years the Baptists of the State of North Carolina have been seeking the lost through the medium of State Missions. To point out all that has been accomplished through this department of our work would be impossible. It is enough to know that the achievements of our work have been wonderful indeed. Through this medium very largely the Baptists of North Carolina have been able to take their stand among the world powers for good.

In 1830 there were only 15,000 Baptists in the State of North Carolina, white and colored. There are now 375,765 white Baptists alone, and approximately 240,000 negro Baptists, making a total of around 600,000 or about 48 church members out of every 100 in North Carolina are Baptists. We wish to ask the question, do the Baptists of our beloved State have a vision of the possibilities, and do they realize the tremendous responsibilities that rests on them? Let it be our earnest desire and prayer that North Carolina's percentage of increase in church membership may keep pace with the growth of the population, for it has been truthfully said, "it is only as we strengthen the stakes at home that we can hope to lengthen the cords to the ends of the earth."

In the next place we should not forget our Home Mission field, composed of the canal zone, Cuba and Mexico, with the hospitals and Mountain Schools in our South land. Great work is being accomplished in this field in which we should all have a part.

In the third place speaking of Foreign Misisons, the chief function of the church of Jesus Christ is giving of the Gospel to others —made so by Christ himself. Dr. Cook, the great Baptist historian says: "That whenever and wherever a church has failed or refused to perform this function that retrogression and death has been the result." The scriptures abundantly teach, that His gospel shall be preached to all nations, and that it shall be no failure in its effect.

We are just closing a century of what is known as modern missionary effort. The history of which abundantly portrays its marvelous transforming powers wherever it has been preached.

We have reached a crisis in some of the Foreign fields—but notwithstanding all of the tumult that is abroad in the world Southern Baptists are getting actual and gratifying results from their Foreign Mission investments. In spite of retrenchments on foreign fields from one cause and another, God is, and will overule all opposition to the progress of the gospel.

Your committee wishes to lay upon the hearts of the messengers to this Association the necessity of liberal and regular contributions to missionary work, and to plead with the churches within the bounds of the Association to see to it that an edequate suppor

be given our own Missionary, Rev. T. L. Blalock, who is now laboring for fallen humanity upon China's mission fields.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. PAYNE.

Discussed by A. C. Payne and J. A. McKaughan and adopted.

Elder W. E. Linney preached the 11 o'clock sermon. Text: 1st Cor. 2:2.

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00 P. M. Delinquent churches called. The following were enrolled:

Bethel—S. C. Campbell, Major J. Greene, R. P. Childers.
Linney's Grove—J. F. Baker, J. C. Ford, A. E. Milsaps.
Hiddenite—J. H. Hendren, D. Fred Milstead, Dewey Mistead.

Gay's Chapel put in an application for membership, which was gladly received and enrolled the following messengers:

Z. V. Pool, C. W. Brown, C. B. Vinson.

Elder S. I. Watts read the report on Spirituality of the Churches, which was discussed by Elders S. I. Watts, J. M. McAlpine and Ben Eller, of Statesville, and adopted.

REPORT ON SPIRITUALITY OF THE CHURCHES

We, your committee on Spirituality of the Churches, deplore the lack of spiritual power in the individual life and in the church life of our day. From almost every nation comes the cry of spiritual death, and the lack of spiritual power.

There is no effect without a cause. Where then shall we look for the cause of our spiritual declension? We submit the following:

First, that to be spiritual we must be spirit-born and spirit filled. Our churches are being filled with unregenerate members who know nothing of God or His regenerating power.

Second, the churches are lowering the standard of religion instead of meeting the conditions laid down in the word of God.

Third. Another cause for our lack of spiritual power is traced to the fact that so many of our church members do not live a life worthy of their high calling. We can never be spiritual as long as we dishonor the Spirit and bring reproach upon the cause of Christ by living unholy lives. Our only hope is in a genuine re-

pentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and living such lives as will be to the glory of God. See Mark 1:15 and 2nd Peter 1st chapter, 5 to 9.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. McALPINE,
S. I. WATTS, Committee.

Bro. C. E. Echerd read the report on Church and Pastoral Relations.

After being very ably and interestingly discussed by C. E. Echerd and T. E. Payne was adopted.

REPORT ON CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATIONS

The ideal relation between a church and its pastor, as indicated in the New Testament, seems to be that of loving co-operation.

The Scriptures invest the pastor with no temporal or ecclesiastical authority over the church, hence he is enjoined against "lording it over God's heritage." The church has no legal authority over the pastor and hence the service of the one and the support of the other must be purely co-oprative and voluntary. The relation thus sustained is very tender and sacred, and is much more binding and constant than could possibly result from any arbitrary ecclesiastical selection. The Scriptures suggest this relation in such terms as "family," "children," "flock," "shepherd," etc. The motive involving the work of the pastor can never be of a mercenary nature, "not by constraint" . . "not for filthy lucre," else the whole New Testament principle of voluntary co-operation is destroyed.

Two things are necessary to create and maintain this happy relation:

No pastor should be content until he has rendered to his people the very best service of which he can be capable. He must read, especially the Scripture, for how can a pastor "feed the flock" unless he shall have a storehouse from which to draw? The pastor who fails at this point must blame only himself if the response to his preaching is as stale and lifeless as his message.

The attitude of the church toward its pastor will make or mar, to a very great degree, the power and usefulness of his labors. No pastor can ever achieve a great success in the service of a people who are void of sympathy and love for him. We shall never have ideal preachers in the pupit until we have ideal hearers in the pew.

A very suggestive expression of appreciation on the part of the church toward the pastor is a systematic and liberal contribution toward the support of himself and his family. Your committee is convinced that the stinted, spasmodic system of doling out to the pastor a pitiful pittance as if he were a begger, has hindered in the

work of the pastors of this Association as much or more than any other one thing. The pastors do not find time from the business of earning bread to equip themselves for the service they desire to render. Morover, this attitude results in the loss of courage and inspiration on the part of the pastor for which the churches themselves pay dearly. Your committee believes that no Baptist church in this Association is actually giving over fifty per cent of what it could and ought to give for the support of its pastor.

CHAS. E. ECHERD,
W. E. LINNEY, Committee.

Elder J. W. Watts was appointed on the Committee on Evangelism. The report was read by Elder T. E. Payne and discussed by Elders T. E. Payne, J. W. Watts and Ben Eller, and adopted.

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

Webster says it is "The doctrine and preaching of evangelical principles."

I am not wedded to any particular method of evangelistic endeavor. I am prepared to pray God's blessings upon any man whom God honors in the preaching of His gospel and who is securing results, and yet I must confess an unwavering belief in the power of old-time preaching and the adoption and practice of old-time methods. I must confess that I do not have much confidence in modern Evangelism that counts quantity instead of quality.

Yet I do not believe in the one method, as that tends to get us in a rut, and to stay in the one rut is to fail. Especial services leads us out of this, broadens the scope of our vision, and increases our blessing.

There must be an earnest desire on the part of the minister for the conviction and conversion of sinners, as well as for the deepened spiritual life of the church.

We must believe in the existence and presence of the living Christ.

There must be no uncertain sound about sin. Concerning a good deal of the preaching and teaching of to-day, John McNeill has said, "It is too dainty, too fine, too altogether nice, and all the time men are lost and in danger of future punishment." There must be presented the thought of One who will keep after once we are saved, "As the apple of his eye," in the New Testament, "Like sheep in the sheepfold."

Lastly, there must be a deep sense of his responsibility for service rendered.

Respectfully submitted,
T. E. PAYNE,
J. W. WATTS, Committee.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

Fundamental Doctrines—W. J. Bumgarner, S. I. Watts.
Temperance—T. E. Payne, C. E. Echerd.
Church and Pastoral Relations—A. C. Payne, H. S. Deal.
Spirituality of the Churches—A. E. Watts, J. M. McAlpine.
Missions—E. V. Bumgarner, B. F. Peeler.
Duties to the Poor—Levi W. Teague, H. B. Oxford.
Sunday Schools—V. W. Teague, Otto Johnson.
Evangelism—Ben Eller, W. E. Linney.

Messengers to Associations

Brier Creek—L. T. Younger.
Caldwell—Vance W. Teague.
South Yadkin—A. L. Watts.
South River—Q. L. Fry.
Brushy Mountain—W. E. Linney.
State Convention—H. S. Deal and A. C. Payne.
Southern Baptist Convention—Q. L. Fry.

Time of Next Meeting—Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1928.

To preach Introductory Sermon—J. W. Rash.
Alternate—A. E. Watts.

Also returned the resolution offered by C. E. Echerd of changing from a three days session as unfavorable.

Report on Religious Exercises:

Rev. W. J. Bumgarner, prayer services. Elder J. W. Rash 11 o'clock sermon.

Adjourned till 9:30 A. M. Saturday.

SATURDAY MORNING

9:30 A. M. Prayer by Elder J. W. Rash. Rev. W. J. Bumgarner conducted prayer services. Read 66th Psalm.

10:00 A. M. The Moderator called the Association to order. Prayer by Rev. S. I. Watts.

L. T. Younger and L. R. Sloan were appointed on the Committee on Sunday Schools. The report was read by the Clerk. It was very ably discussed by L. T. Younger, L. R. Sloan, Elder E. V. Bumgarner. The hour having come for the sermon, Bro. Q. L. Fry made a motion to extend the time twenty minutes for the discussion, which was granted. Q. L. Fry and H. S. Deal proceeded with the discussion. It was then left open till after the noon hour.

1:15 P. M. The report on Sunday Schools left open. Elders W. J. Bumgarner and S. I. Watts made very interesting talks in behalf of Sunday School and what a live Sunday School is worth to a church. The report was then adopted as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Circumstances and environments sometimes make it advisable to establish a Sunday School separate and apart from any church organization; but such Sunday Schools should be the exception and not the rule. Every organized Sunday School ought to be under the watch-care and patronage of some church, and, inversely, every Christian church ought to organize, establish and perpetuate a living, working and progressive Sunday School, primarily for the benefit of all who may attend, and then for what is of equal importance, to provide spiritual employment for all of its members.

The great central work of the Sunday School is reading the Bible, and comparing scripture with scripture, that the full meaning of the context under consideration may be made clear by comparison with other scriptures. A reference Bible is invaluable for this purpose. A Biblical Analysis is good, but not applicable in some cases. The International system is of high merit, but should always be subordinate and auxiliary to the reference and analytical methods.

A review of work done, at stated intervals, is very essential to success in all teaching, and the superintendent or teacher that neglects this in Bible study, leaves seventy-five per cent of his work

undone. The International system provides for this review quarterly, or every three months, but this makes a big days work to perform it as it should be done.

Concert reading of the Bible in Sunday School is of immense value to all who engage in it, either consecutively or alternately. This is done by observing the punctuation, each member or reader passing over the pause in silence, and not starting the next word until all are silent. It is one proof of the divine origin of the Bible, that all the leading editions of the English Bible—Holman, Nelson, National, Oxford and others—have identically the same punctuation, and the English Bible is scattered over the face of the earth by the hundreds of millions.

W. E. WHITE,
J. H. BOGGS, Committee.

Elder E. V. Bumgarner read the report on Fundamental Doctrines. It was discussed by Elders E. V. Bumgarner, W. J. Bumgarner and S. I. Watts, and adopted:

REPORT ON FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES

Fundamental doctrines defined in the light of revelation and human experience are to Christianity what the foundation is to a building, hence the importance of anchoring firmly to them, especially in time of delusion and departure such as are felt today.

Your committee would emphasize the importance of guarding with care vital doctrines in their relations to each other. Instance: The inspiration of the Bible as the fundamental of fundamentals; the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, the universal depravity of our race; conviction for sin as the office work of the Holy Spirit; repentance toward God and as a fruit of that tree confession of Christ, a sequence following the confession of our sins and accepting Him as our only Saviour.

An inversion of these vital doctrines is the greatest menace of our religious life today, deluding souls and filling our churches with unregenerate members, thus paving the way for "The Man of Sin," and the unpitying hand of persecution.

Take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrines. Continue in them, for if thou do this, thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee.

Respectfully submitted,
E. V. BUMGARNER,
V. W. TEAGUE, Committee.

The Committee on Digest of Church Letters made the following report:

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS

34 Churches report the following:

Baptisms	316
Membership	4958
Church Property	$54561.00
Paid to Pastors	$ 5618.57
Local Expenses	$ 9427.15
Co-operative Program	$ 45.30
State Missions	$ 7.00
Home Missions	$ .50
Foreign Missions	$ 670.06
Hospitals	$ 14.20
Orphanages	$ 535.59
All Missionary Objects	$ 1353.17
For all purposes	$10780.32

Respectfully submitted,
R. T. LOWE,
CHAS E. ECHERD,
S. F. COOK, Committee.

The Clerk was directed to have 500 copies of Minutes printed as cheap as he could get it done.

A vote of thanks was given to the people of Mt. Olive Church for their generous hospitality during the session of the Association.

After singing "Praise God," was dismissed by Elder W. J. Bumgarner till 10:30 Sunday morning.

SUNDAY MORNING

10.30 A. M. Prayer services by Bro. A. M. Bumgarner. Sermon by Elder E. V. Bumgarner. Text: Daniel 2:34.

Took a collection for Bro. T. L. Blalock; amount, $10.04.

Adjourned to meet Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1928, at Pleasant Grove.

THE HISTORIAN'S WORK

The present session of the Alexander Association has been remarkable. It has been one of the best attended Associations and the discussion of all subjects was on a high order. Brotherly love

prevailed in all sessions. The keynote of the discussions was "back to the old time religion."

No association could have had better gospel sermons than the one just closed.

It is the hope of your humble servant that the Alexander Associaiton will be on guard at all times and will be ready to defend itself on all sides when it is attacked by any thing not backed up by the Bible.

The weather was beautiful until Saturday afternoon when it began to rain and continued until Sunday morning, when it cleared and a good sized congregation came to hear the sermon.

Mt. Olive Church

Is located among the glorious foot-hills of the Brushy Mountains. It is in the midst of one of the best fruit growing sections of North Carolina.

The church was organized April 7th, 1865, from members of Little River and Walnut Grove Churches. The presbyter consisted of Daniel Welborn, Jacob Crouch and Peter Tritt. The church records from the organization up to 1878 have been lost and cannot be given with much accuracy.

The following brethren have served as pastors: Peter Tritt, James Kerley, L. P. Gwaltney and I. W. Thomas served jointly, J. P. Gwaltney, J. M. Shaver, D. W. Pool, C. C. Pool and W. J. Bumgarner served the church up to 1897.

Rev. A. T. Pardue was called to the pastorate May 22, 1897, and served until March, 1903. Rev. W. J. Bumgarner served from April 18, 1903, until April 1907. Rev. G. Z. Bumgarner served from May, 1907, until Jan. 1913. Rev. E. V. Bumgarner served from Jan., 1913, until Sept., 1918. This was Bro. E. V. Bumgarner's first pastorate after his ordination. Rev. F. C. Watts served from Sept. 29, 1918, until Sept,. 1921. Rev. J. M. McAlpine served from Sept. 25, 1921, until Aug., 1924. Rev. S. I. Watts was called as pastor Aug., 1924, and is the present pastor.

The church is well equipped for a country church. It is alive and doing a good work. It has had an evergreen Sunday School for seven years.

The Alexander Association has met with this church three times including the present session. The Brushy Mountain Association met with this church in 1870.

The following is a list of members who died during the last Associational year as given by the church letters:

Antioch—Sister Callie Hollar, Mary Benfield, Cecil White, Kate Teague, Lizzie Munday and Jane Stafford.

Bethany—Brother J. D. Pool.

Bethlehem—Brother Howard Fox, and Sister Fannie Bentley, Mary Sherrill, and Ida Austin.

Bethel—Sister Chartie Costner.

Beulah—Sister Mary Payne and Mamie Steele.

Damascus—Brother Isaac McLean, R. P. Wilson and Sister Jane Harris.

East Taylorsville—Sister T. J. Fortner.

Elizabeth—Sister Bell Gummell.

Linney's Grove—Sister Lucinda Shumaker, Lula McLean.

Little River—Brother P. J. Barnes and Sister Lettie James.

Mt. Hermon—Sister J. W. Walker and Annie Johnson.

Mt. Nebo—Brother C. O. Pierce.

Mt. Olive—Brother Taylor Fortner, William Fortner and Sister Artie Kerley, Elizabeth Davidson, Elsie Ora Deal and Maud Sowers.

Mt. Hebron—Sister V. C. Wike and Susan Price.

Pilgrim—Sister Washington Lowrance.

Three Forks—Sister J. W. McLeod and Brother James Medley.

Taylorsville—Brother R. B. Pennell and Sister Mack Echerd, Ross Matheson, R. B. Pennell, J. C. Echerd, and Mary Bell Hammer.

Taylor Springs—Brother R. D. Williams, Ivan Shoemaker and Sisters Noah Lambert and Pantha Shoemaker.

White Plains—Sister Anna Walker James and Jane C. Campbell.

The historian wishes to state that the above list may not be correct; there may be other members, but these are the ones reported on the church letters.

The historian requests the members of all our churches to furnish the historian of next session of our Association with all the historical and obituary notices that they would like to have published. These are things that become us as Baptists. Then let us preserve them while we can.

H. S. DEAL, Historian.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received from Churches and Individuals as follows:

	Missions	Orphanage
Bank Balance Nov. 1, 1926	$ 12.15	.....
Collection at Association	3.41	.....
Antioch	4.44	.....
Bethany	38.95	.....
Bethel	29.10	.....
Bethlehem	42.04	.....
Damascus	19.75	.....
Dover	2.50	2.50
East Taylorsville	7.00	.....
Gray's Chapel	5.75	.....
Fair View	7.70	.....
Hiddenite	14.00	.....
Lebanon	116.00	.....
Linney's Grove	25.75	.....
Little River	11.31	.....
Mt. Hebron	2.15	.....
Mt. Nebo	6.05	.....
Mt. Olive	25.00	.....
Pleasant Grove	21.00	.....
Poplar Springs	5.60	.....
Sulphur Springs	45.10	.....
Stony Point	29.00	.....
Three Forks	10.18	.....
Taylorsville	52.79	.....
Taylor Springs	6.40	.....
White Plains	27.36	.....
Zion Hill	26.26	.....
Moravian Falls	10.00	.....
Mrs. A. F. Sharpe	5.00	.....
J. L. Gwaltney	15.00	.....
C. S. Holton	25.00	.....
Total Receipts	$651.74	2.50
Disbursements:		
Feb. 5th, Check to T. L. Blalock	$ 91.54	.....
May 14th, Check to T. L. Blalock	81.90	.....
Aug. 31st, Check to T. L. Blalock	91.79	.....
Oct. Check to T. L. Blalock	386.51	.....
Oct. 10th, Check to F. B. Hamrick	.....	2.50
Total Disbursements	$651.74	2.50

J. E. CHATHAM, Treasurer.

TABLE II—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCH	Superintendent and Postoffice	Secretary and Postoffice	Officers and Teachers	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Average Attendance	Total	Gifts
Antioch	H. B. Oxford, Taylorsville	J. C. Keller, Taylorsville	9	15		15	12	15	45	60	111	40.00
Bethany	W. C. Moore, Pores Knob	Mrs. Eula Moore, Pores Knob	5							45	90	
Bethel	Edgar Hendren, Taylorsville	Nell Campbell, Taylorsville										
Bethlehem	V. W. Teague, Taylorsville	E. W. Teague, Taylorsville	9	20	18	12	16	18	16	60	100	30.20
Beulah	John Webster, Taylorsville		6	10		5		6	10	30	57	
Concord	J. Fox, Stony Point	J. T. Grant, Stony Point	7	6	18	20	22		40		113	
Damascus	A. A. Leach, Statesville	R. N. Sloan, Statesville	5		22	18	12	9	12	50	73	24.65
Dover	W. D. Mooney, Taylorsville	Harvey White, Taylorsville	4	2	3	1	8	10	12	30	40	
East Taylorsville	T. C. Boston, Taylorsville	J. P. Brown, Taylorsville	6	28	15		15	1	15	45	79	
Elizabeth	J. C. Painter, Charlotte	R. F. Painter, Charlotte	8							72	125	20.00
Fair View	W. B. Hendren, Hiddenite	Mrs. T. L. Query, Hiddenite	7							60		
Gay's Chapel	Mrs. Z. V. Pool, Elmwood	C. W. Brown, Elmwood	6	8	5		9		8	26	26	10.09
Hiddenite	J. H. Hendren, Hiddenite	Dewey Milstead, Hiddenite	7	9			20	16	20	45	72	
Island Ford												
Lebanon	L. G. Sweet, Taylorsville	J. C. Fortner, Taylorsville	4								50	10.00
Liledoun	S. W. Teague, Taylorsville	Perry Stafford, Taylorsville								52		16.75
Linney's Grove	Roger Gwaltney, Hiddenite	Miss Ethel Gwaltney, Hiddenite	7							50		
Little River	N. C. Deal, Jr., Taylorsville	T. C. Barnes, Taylorsville	6	8	15	20			20	30	63	
Macedonia			8	10	12	10	6		12	35	58	
Millersville	T. W. Howard, Taylorsville	L. A. Stafford, Taylorsville								30	38	2.50
Mt. Hebron	C. C. Deal, Taylorsville	J. C. Clanton, Taylorsville	7	18		19	24		24	67	92	31.05
Mt. Hermon	L. C. Echerd, Taylorsville	Mrs. W. D. Johnson, Taylorsville	8		12	8		9	10	30	47	4.50
Mt. Nebo	Lex Hammer, Stony Point	Daphne Blankenship, Stony Point	7	10	8	6	12	8	40	55	84	21.45
Mt. Olive	H. S. Deal, Taylorsville	Edgar J. Deal, Taylorsville	5								65	
Pilgrim	W. R. Fox, New Hope	Mrs. Ada Milsaps, New Hope	5								35	4.50
Pleasant Grove	R. L. Levan, Stony Point	Mrs. L. S. Johnson, Stony Point	4							26	35	
Pleasant Hill	J. G. Deal, Taylorsville	Jeffie Daniels, Taylorsville	5	3	7	10	5	7	18	30	58	
Poplar Springs	W. L. Russell, Taylorsville	W. N. Brookshire, Taylorsville	11	6	18	25		65	27	57	152	85.82
Sulphur Springs	S. T. Cook, Hiddenite	Leach Gooden, Hiddenite	8	20	15	20	20	44	40	150	179	
Stony Point	A. L. Watts, Stony Point	W. Y. Ball, Stony Point	7	4	12	8	8	3	14	39	56	
Smyrna	B. W. Teague, Taylorsville	Vergie Icenhour, Taylorsville	7	8		5	8	18	38	55	85	6.50
Three Forks	R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville	Alma Barnes, Taylorsville	6	10	15	8	12		40	60	90	8.00
Three Forks B.	R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville	Mrs. T. R. Burgess, Taylorsville	13	102	37	50	32	33	73	143	340	105.79
Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville	J. M. Patterson, Taylorsville	7							60	100	
Taylor Springs	L. T. Younger, New Hope	Miss Lois Redman, New Hope	9		15	15		30	31	65	90	22.10

CHURCH	Pastor and Postoffice	Clerk and Postoffice	When Constituted	Time of Preaching	Baptisms	Letters	Restorations	Letters	Dismissions	Deaths	Totals
Antioch	T. E. Payne, Hudson	Vance W. Teague, Taylorsville	1826	1	13	4	....	18	169	6	97
Bethany	L. E. Barnes, Taylorsville	E. E. Pool, Gilreath	1892	3	11	1	....	4	5	1	195
Bethel	L. E. Barnes, Taylorsville	S. C. Campbell, Taylorsville	1800	2	6	2	....	.....	.....	1	198
Bethlehem	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	V. W. Teague, Taylorsville	1871	1	14	2	1	5	4	4	255
Beulah	J. S. Stephenson, Taylorsville	T. R. Barlow, Taylorsville	1914	2 & 4	.....	1	....	7	.....	2	82
Concord	B. F. Peeler, Taylorsville	N. R. Martin, Stony Point	1832	2 & 4	1	2	....	.....	.....	1	233
Damascus	C. C. Holland, Wake Forest	Maggie McLain, Statesville	1839	1	3	....	....	.....	2	3	202
Dover	S. I. Watts, Boomer	Fred Pennell, Taylorsville	.....	4	18	5	....	3	.....	....	173
East Taylorsville	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	R. L. Chamberlain, Taylorsville	1924	2 & 4	2	8	....	17	2	1	76
Elizabeth	J. M. McAlpine, Stony Point	J. C. Painter, Charlotte	.....	1	4	2	....	5	.....	1	128
Fair View	L. E. Barnes, Taylorsville	T. L. Query, Hiddenite	1921	4	2	1	....	.....	.....	....	51
Gay's Chapel	J. M. McAlpine, Stony Point	J. D. Honeycutt, Elmwood	1885	2	.....	7	....	.....	.....	....	60
Hiddenite	Ben Eller, Statesville	J. H. Hendren, Hiddenite	1915	3	.....	2	....	.....	1	....	47
Island Ford	J. S. Stephenson, Taylorsville	J. H. Byers, Eufola	1897	1	.....	....	....	.....	.....	1	51
Lebanon	S. I. Watts, Boomer	G. W. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	1884	2	4	....	1	8	.....	1	105
Liledoun	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	C. A. Smith, Taylorsville	1906	2	.....	....	....	8	.....	....	149
Linney's Grove	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	J. F. Baker, Hiddenite	.....	.....	1	....	....	1	.....	2	173
Little River	B. F. Peeler, Taylorsville	N. C. Deal, Taylorsville	1895	1	2	....	....	1	.....	2	124
Macedonia	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	J. M. Fox, Taylorsville	.....	2	4	3	....	3	.....	1	158
Millersville	B. F. Peeler, Taylorsville	G. W. Stafford, Taylorsville	1923	1 & 3	8	....	....	.....	.....	....	68
Mt. Hebron	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	C. C. Deal, Taylorsville	1915	4	3	1	....	.....	2	1	82
Mt. Hermon	T. E. Payne, Hudson	P. E. Johnson, Taylorsville	1912	4	11	....	....	4	.....	2	169
Mt. Nebo	B. F. Peeler, Taylorsville	G. L. Steele, Stony Point	1907	2 & 4	.....	1	....	.....	.....	1	104
Mt. Olive	S. I. Watts, Boomer	R. T. Lowe, Pores Knob	1865	2	6	3	2	1	.....	7	158
Pilgrim	Grady White	J. M. Query, Hiddenite	.....	4	3	1	....	5	.....	1	153
Pleasant Grove	L. E. Barnes, Taylorsville	J. I. W. Levan, Stony Point	1900	4	2	....	....	.....	.....	....	80
Pleasant Hill	L. E. Barnes, Taylorsville	Jeffie Daniels, Taylorsville	1852	1	5	1	....	1	1	1	131
Poplar Springs	S. I. Watts, Boomer	W. L. Russell, Taylorsville	.....	1	3	1	....	8	.....	1	177
Sulphur Springs	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	S. F. Cook, Hiddenite	1867	3	27	5	....	2	.....	....	165
Stony Point	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	W. Y. Ball, Stony Point	1909	1 & 3	19	5	....	7	4	....	261
Smyrna	R. G. Short, Hickory	W. W. Icenhour, Hickory	1923	2 & 4	4	....	....	1	.....	....	54
Three Forks	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville	1857	3	15	6	....	4	.....	2	292
Taylorsville	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville	1851	2 & 4	59	5	....	7	.....	6	266
Taylor Springs	J. W. Rash, Statesville	L. T. Younger, New Hope	1852	3	6	....	....	.....	5	4	137
White Plains	A. W. Wilcox, Mooresville	G. M. Grant, Taylorsville	1912	2 & 4	.....	6	....	15	4	2	207
Totals					205	75	4	139	199	56	5001

TABLE III—FINANCIAL

CHURCH	Pastor's Salary	B. Y. P. U. and S. S.	Ministerial Help	Other Objects	Minute Fund	Total Local	Missions	Orphanage	Co-Operative Program	Grand Total
Antioch	140.31	17.93	50.00	39.50	2.00	249.74	4.44	27.50		280.
Bethany	85.00		55.00		3.35	143.35	38.90	21.00		203.
Bethel	70.00		30.00	143.42	1.75	245.17	29.10	8.16		282.
Bethlehem	171.00		58.50	45.36	3.00	277.86	18.04	32.71		328.
Beulah	47.74	4.50	8.00			60.24				60.
Concord	232.30	8.49	41.53	10.05	1.80	294.17				294.
Damascus	126.00		42.75		2.75	171.50	94.00	42.91		214.
Dover	141.00		27.00	57.55	1.18	226.73	2.45	2.55		231.
East Taylorsville	322.14	8.00	29.00	18.00		377.14	5.00			382.
Elizabeth	301.10	124.00	40.00	48.00	4.00	577.10	90.50	20.00		667.
Fair View			40.00			40.00	10.00	8.00		58.
Gay's Chapel	45.00				2.00	47.00	5.75	5.75		58.
Hiddenite	150.00	94.58	8.90		1.40	254.88	21.50	13.62	19.00	309.
Island Ford	15.00					15.00				15.
Lebanon	181.80		40.00		2.25	224.05	116.00	13.55		353.
Liledoun	88.73			65.15	2.30	156.18	3.50			159.
Linney's Grove			30.00	286.57	2.00	338.57	26.25			364.
Little River	115.07		5.56	9.54	1.50	131.67	11.31			142.
Macedonia	60.00		32.00	40.00	3.00	135.00		10.00		145.
Millersville	202.08	12.00	35.00		1.70	274.08		10.00		284.
Mt. Hebron	50.00	7.68	21.00	8.00	1.65	88.33	2.05			90.
Mt. Hermon	123.50	18.66	90.37	20.25	2.00	267.17	1.50	32.46		301.
Mt. Nebo	112.50				1.50	114.00	6.05	9.00		129.
Mt. Olive	136.55		46.00	24.35	3.25	216.07	25.00	24.20	7.00	266.
Pilgrim			21.00		3.00	24.00				24.
Pleasant Grove	114.27		24.00		2.40	141.27	21.00	8.45		180.
Pleasant Hill	68.00		15.00		3.00	86.00				86.
Poplar Springs	121.38		18.25		1.05	140.68	2.45	.65	.50	143.
Sulphur Springs	200.00	90.94	40.00	47.20	3.35	308.34	44.46	52.43		455.
Stony Point	850.00	92.00	600.00		6.32	1548.32	45.72	148.54		1742.
Smyrna	150.00		74.60	7.50		232.10			11.30	243.
Three Forks	117.22		64.15	19.00	3.75	218.62	10.18	8.78		237.
Taylorsville	741.01		225.10	289.73	8.00	1263.84	52.79	64.36		1388.
Taylor Springs	78.15		43.00		1.15	122.30	6.40	5.00		133.
White Plains	294.22		38.25	3.00	1.95	337.42	22.99	8.47		366.
	5611.07	466.78	1893.96	1182,17	78.35	9022.33	717.23	478.09	37.80	10255.

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Antioch ---------- Grover C. Teague

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Lebanon ---------- W. J. Bumgarner, E. V. Bumgarner

Linney's Grove ---------- J. P. Gwaltney, W. E. Linney

Mt. Herman ---- Levi W. Teague, W. O. Johnson, Clarence W. Teague.

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Sulphur Springs ---------- W. T. Comer

Stony Point ---------- J. M. McAlpine

Taylor Springs -- T. H. Williams, L. T.Younger, D.C.Thompson

White Plains ---------- C. F. Friday, A. W. Wilcox

Taylorsville ---------- A. E. Watts

LICENSED MINISTERS

Linney's Grove ---------- A. E. Millsaps

Poplar Springs ---------- J. N. Pool

Sulphur Springs ---------- C. Y. Teague

Macedonia ---------- C. M. Crouch, J. P. Mecimore

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11,1928

11:00 A. M. The Association was opened by the choir singing a number of beautiful selections. Prayer by Elder D. C. Thompson. Introductory sermon by Elder J. W. Rash. Subject: "What should be the attitude of a Christian towards the Church."

INTERMISSION

1:00 P. M. The Association was called to order by the Moderator,J. L. Gwaltney. Prayer by Bro. Andy Bumgarner. The following churches were enrolled:

Antioch—H. B. Oxford, W. J. Caldwell.
Concord—N. R. Martin, R. J. Matheson.
Damascus—Maggie McLain, R. D. Goodwin, I. N. Smith, Wade Campbell.
Dover—Fred Pennell, Glenn Pennell, Ed Mooney.
East Taylorsville—T. J. Fortner, R. L. Chamberlain, L. C. Boston.
Elizabeth—R. F. Painter, P. B. Barnes, J. C. Painter.
Fair View—T. L. Querry, N. T. Meadows, W. B. Hendren.
Island Ford—
Lebanon—J. M. Fortner, J. W. Bumgarner.
Little River—
Macedonia—J. W. Fincannon, J. L. Dagenhart, D.A.Carrigan
Millersville—G. W. Stafford, C. M. Icenhour, W. A.Thompson.
Mt. Olive—R. T. Lowe, H. S. Deal.
Beulah—
Mt. Hebron—C. C. Deal, Virgil Wike, J. C. Clanton.
Pleasant Hill—Jeffie Daniels, F. S.Bowles, Fred Harrington.
Poplar Springs—
Sulphur Springs—S. F. Cook, A. B. Lackey.
Stony Point—C. L. Parker, D. E. Gryder.
Three Forks—R. B. McLeod, S. F. Watts.
Taylor Spring—L.T.Younger, C.C.Redmond, Floyd Williams.
Taylorsville—A. C. Payne, C. E. Echerd, G. B. Pennell.
White Plains—R. L. Grant, J. A. Robinette.
Hiddenite—J. H. Hendren, W. G. Hendren.
Linney's Grove—J. F. Baker, W. F. McLain, A.E. Millsaps.

The motion to dispense with reading the letters was de-

feated. Bros. A. C. Payne and W. E. White were asked to read the letters.

On motion of Elder W. J. Bumgarner to elect the Present officers of the Association by acclamation, to-wit:

Moderator—J. L. Gwaltney.

Clerk—R.B. McLeod.

Historian—H. S. Deal.

Treasurer—C. E. Echerd.

The following visiting Brethren were welcomed to seats by the Moderator: M. L. Kessler, of the Thomasville Orphanage, and I. M. Mercer, representing the State Work.

On motion by Bro. W. E. White, the Association suspensed with all business and gave the floor to Bro. Kessler, who made an interesting talk on the Orphanage, followed by H. S. Deal. A collection was then taken, Amount $17.59.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Digest of Church Letters—L. S. Johnson, H. S. Deal, W. E. White.

Finance—H. B. Oxford, Q. M. Teague, E. E. Lackey.

Nomination—W. J. Bumgarner, J. M. Fortner, A. E. Watts.

Religious Exercises—Pastor and Delegates from Pleasant Grove Church.

The following were added to the present standing committee

Fundamental Doctrines:_____W. T. Comer

Church and Pastorial Relation: _____ L. T. Younger

Duties to the Poor ____D. C. Thompson, A. W. Wilcox

Evangelism:_____ J. H. Boggs

The committee on Religious exercise, the following: B. F. Peeler, Prayer services. 11.00 A. M. sermon, W. J. Bumgarner.

Homes were assigned to the Delegates.

The Association adopted the following order of business:

9:30 A. M., Prayer services.

10:00 A. M., Business period.

11:00 A. M. Sermon.

12:00, noon, Intermission.

1:00 P. M. Business.

ADJOURN AT WILL

Adjourned to meet at 9:30 A. M. Friday morning.

Friday, October 12, 1928

Met as per-adjournment. Prayer services by D. C. Thompson, who read part of the 5th chapter of Matt.

The Association was called to order by Moderator at 10:00

A. M. Minutes of yesterday read and corrected. Dilinquent Churches were called for and the following were enrolled:

Bethlehem—R. Lee Teague, V. W. Teague.
Bethany—E. E. Pool, W. E. Hendren, W. R. Moore.
Bethel—S. C. Campbell, J. L. Smith, S. J. Baker.
Gay's Chapel—C. W. Brown, W. H. Smith, M. B. Cashon.
Liledoun—C. A. Smith, Bryan Fox, Roy Keever.
Mt. Herman—P. E. Johnson, W. O. Johnson.
Mt. Nebo—C. A. Burgess, Mrs. Lettie Payne.
Pleasant Grove—J. W. Baker, P. M. Godfry.
Smyrna—C. G. Fox, C. M. Cline.

Visiting Brethren were called for, and D. J. Pharr and W. A. Campbell of the Brier Creek, were welcomed to seats by the Moderator.

The report on "Spirituality of the Churches" was called for and read by Chairman A. E. Watts, and was very ably discussed by him; continued till afternoon.

11:00 sermon by W.J.Bumgarner. Text: 2nd Peter,1: 10 to 11

Rev. D. C. Thompson was added on the Committee to visit the churches in interest of the Orphanage.

REPORT ON THE SPIRITUALITY OF THE CHURCHES

1:00 P. M. Spirituality of Churches continued and adopted.

We rejoice, that we can say that some of our Churches have had real revivals of Religion this year and while we rejoice with them and praise God for these blessings, yet we note and deplore the lack of Spiritual Power in the individual christian life and in the Church life of our day. From every state comes the cry of Spiritual declension and the lack of Spiritual power. Most reports on this subject state the causes for this deplorable condition, but we want to offer some suggestions, that we believe will correct this condition, and therefore we submit the following for your consideration.

I—WE MUST AS INDIVIDUAL CHRISTIANS WEAR THE BEAUTIFUL GARMENTS OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION.

(1) We must be clothed with Humanity—1 Peter 5:5.

(2) We must wear the garment of Faith—"WITHOUT FAITH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE GOD"—"ACCORDING TO YOUR FAITH BE IT UNTO YOU".

(3) We must be clothed with the Spirit of Importunity

—James 5:16—Matt. 7:7.

(4) We must put on the Grace of liberality (Giving)—2 Cor 8:7.

(5) We must put on the Garment of Love. Col 3:14—"ABOVE ALL, PUT ON CHARITY".

II—WE MUST ANCHOR FIRMLY OUR FAITH IN THE DOCTRINE, THAT OUR FIRST DUTY AS INDIVIDUAL CHRISTIANS AND AS CHURCHES IS TO EVANGELIZE THE LOST. Matt. 6:33— Mark 16:15— Acts 1:8.

III—WE MUST RID OUR CHURHES OF MEMBERS, WHO DO NOT **"WALK WORTHY"** OF THEIR CALLING. See Rom. 12:1 and Eph. 4:1 to 3 for examples of how members should walk.

We, your committee, believe that if the suggestions we offer were accepted and lived up to, that it would restore SPIRITUAL POWER to the individual christian life and to the Church life of our day.

Respectively submitted,
For the Committee.
A. E. Watts,

REPORT ON MISSSIONS

The report on Missions was read by Elder E. V. Bumgarner, and was very ably discussed by Elders E. V. Bumgarner, Dr. I. M. Merecr, and C. E. Echerd, and adopted.

It is provided in the Divine plan of saving a lost world that the gospel shall be preached to every creature. "Go ye into the world and preach the gospel to every creature" is just as binding on the church today as when given from Olivet's sacred heights. After 1900 years of Evangelistic effort, earth's teaming millions may be described in the language of Paul in Eph.—"Aliens from the common wealth of Israel, strangers to the convenants of promise, without hope and without God in the world."

Shall we lay the charge of failure to the Gospel? It is said to be "the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." No, we should be just as consistent if we blamed water for some people going filthy and dirty. May the troubles not be in our not anchoring to the New Testament method ofEvangelizing the world? The Apostolic method is

suggested by the following scripture: "For whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?" Rom. 10: 13 to 15.

As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from them they sailed to Cypress. Acts 13: 2 to 4. "And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region"—And thence sailed to Antioch from whence they had been recommended to the Grace of God for the work which they had fulfilled. And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles. Acts 14: 26 to 27.

The world is lost unless the church of our day recovers the Apostolic type of Christianity at least in three of four directions: The Apostolic message which is Christ in all his Divine fulness; the Apostolic spirit which was love; the Apostolic dynamic which is the power of the Holy Spirit.

Your committee believes our beloved Blalock is more nearly committed to this method than anyone we know, and we therefore urge that every church in the Association rally to him by a more regular and systematic giving to his support. If we fail here the loss is ours, for when a church ceases to be Evangelistic, it ceases to be Evangical.

E. V. Bumgarner, for Com.

Song: "What Did He Do."

FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES

The report on Fundamental Doctrines was called for and read by Chairman W. J. Bumgarner, and discussed by Rev. W. J. Bumgarner and W. T. Comer, and adopted.

Fundamental Doctrines are those doctrines that underlie the whole system of the Christian religion. We are made sad, today by the convicton that there is a serious departure

from these God-given principles. Among these we would mention and emphasize conviction for sin, repentance toward God, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Acts 20: 26,27. We are made to believe, some things are emphasized today as fundamental that are only incidental. For instance, Education and money. As desirable as these may be, they are not fundamental. We have also been made to believe that some Scriptures have been interpreted, or rather misinterpreted to establish this idea. Your committee would urge every minister of the gospel not to be so anxious for success in your meetings as to encourage penitents to make a false profession of religion; and as a result fill the churches with penitents unconverted members. This, we fear, is being done today in many parts of our beloved Zion. What is repentance? Repentance comes from the word Pain. Webster: to feel pain or sorrow or regret for something done. "For Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of." "But the sorrow of the world worketh death." 2nd Cor. 7: 10.

Again, almost every means is resorted to, to raise money and the Scriptures assert that all our gifts are worthless unless done from a principle of love. 1st Cor. 18: 1-3.

Respectively submitted,
W. J. Bumgarner,
W. T. Comer.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

The Committee on Nominations made the following report:

Fundamental Doctrines—T. E. Payne, J. M. McAlpine.

Temperance—A. C. Payne, S. I. Watts.

Church and Pastoral Relations—J. S. Stephenson, C. E. Echerd.

Spirituality of the Churches—W. T. Comer, W. E. Linney.

Missions—J. W. Rash, G. D. White.

Duties to the Poor—B. F. Peeler, W. O. Johnson, H. S. Deal.

Sunday Schools—W. J. Bumgarner, C. F. Friday.

Evangelism—E. V. Bumgarner, L. E. Barnes.

Messengers to other Associations—

Brier Creek—L. E. Barnes.

Caldwell—G. C. Teague.

South Yadkin—L. T. Younger.

Brushy Mountain—A. E. Watts.
South River—D. C. Thompson.
State Convention—A. C. Payne, H. S. Deal.
Southern Baptist Convention—C. E. Echerd.
Time of next meeting—Thursday before second Sunday in October, 1929.
Place—Mt. Hebron.
To preach introductory Sermon—E. V. Bumgarner
Alternate—W. E. Linney.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE TO ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OCTOBER 1928

The report on Temperance was called for and read by C. E.Echerd, discussed by T. E. Payne, C. E. Echerd, and W. E. White, and adopted.

Temperance means self-control. It means total abstinence from things harmful and moderation in the use of things not hurtful.

Every right thinking person is against strong drink and certainly every professing Christian should do all he can to rid our land and country of this curse.

Moses was against liquor (Deut 21:20:21). Isaiah was against it (Isa. 5: 11-25). Hosea was against it. (Hosea 4: 11) Joel was against it (Joel 1-5). Amos was against it (Amos 2:8). Habakkuk was against it (Hab. 2:5). Paul was against it (Rom 13:13), and we believe a majority of the people of these United States are against it. Why? Because it robs a man of his self respect, his health, his wealth. It deceives a man. It makes a fool of anyone. Like the man in Proverbs, he feels like he is on the top of a mast or riding to and fro on the waves. He has lost control of himeslf.

The temperance report of two years ago so well states our views that we here repeat some of it. "We should make it a point to elect men for office who have regard for law and their oath of office, and then we as Christians should help to create and sustain a healthy public sentiment against the blockader and blind tiger, and for obedience to law, and law enforcement."

The Word says: "When the righteous rule the people rejoice, but when the wicked rule the people mourn.

"It is a sad truth that there it a lot of drunkenness nowadays, and the crime wave is very high as the result of liquor, and we recommend that preachers and delegates to this Association work and pray and use our influence against this great evil, and to see that the right man is put in office."

Our Prohibition laws are adequate, if properly enforced.

T. E.Payne,
Chas. E. Echerd,
Committee.

The Committee on Religious Exercises made the following report.

Prayer services, L. T. Younger.

11:00 Sermon, W. T. Comer.

Adjourned till 9:30 Saturday morning.

Saturday Morning, Oct. 13th, 1928.

Met as per adjournment. Prayer service by Elder J. W. Greenwood. Read part of 4th chapter of Mark.

10:00 A. M. The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by J. P. Gwaltney.

REPORT ON CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATIONS

The report on Church and Pastoral Relation was read by Elder J. W. Rash, and was discussed by Elders J. W. Rash, W. J.Bumgarner, and was left open till afternoon session.

The relation between pastor and people is an important relation, and hard to keep in its proper place. The preacher is a servant of the church (not a slave), neither is he a hireling. The relation is very tender, it is represented in the Word as being paternal, 1st Cor. 4:15; and also as material, 1st Thes. 2: 7-8. The pastor's right is strongly established by the Word, 1st Cor. 9th chapter; and also the abuse of his right closely safeguarded.

The Committee feel that the churches of this Association

have never respected the pastor's right in the way of giving him a support, as they should. We believe that our churches would be greatly helped and strengthened by doing their full scriptural duty in this respect. Each church in this Association should show their appreciation towards the pastor in a systematic and liberal way in the support of himself and family.

The attitude of many churches in this Association towards their pastor results in the loss of courage and inspiration on the part of the pastor, for which the churches themselves pay dearly.

Respectfully submitted.
H. S. Deal,
L. T. Younger,
Committee.

11:00 A. M. Sermon by Elder W. T. Comer. Text: Esther, 7, 10, after which the Moderator placed Elder E. V. Bumgarner on the Committee of Evangelism.

Elder W. J. Bumgarner made a short talk representing the Forerunner.

INTERMISSION

1:00 P. M. Church and Pastoral Relation continued; discussed by Bro. W. E. White, and adopted.

DUTIES TO THE POOR

Duties to the Poor was called for and read by Elder W. T. Comer. Discussed by W. T. Comer, and adopted.

Our Savior said: "The poor ye have with you always, and whenever you will you may do them good." The first general collection among the churches was for the poor.

If our gifts to the poor are prompted by love, we will receive rich blessings in return, for he that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord.

There are now about seven hundred children in our own Orphanage at Thomasville; also near three hundred others who are receiving aid through our Orphanage work. These are all looking to us for support.

We earnestly recommend that greater efforts be put forth to increase our contributions to this worthy cause. As a means of accomplishing this, we suggest the once-a-month collection in the Sunday Schools, and also a special Thanksgiving offering, each member of the church giving at least one day's labor or one day's income.

D. C. Thompson for Comm.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The report on Sunday School was called for and read by Elder W. O. Johnson. Discussed by Elder W. O. Johnson, W. T. Comer, Grover C. Teague, J. W. Rash, W. J. Bumgarner, and Bro. W. E. White, and adopted.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL is the teaching service of the Church. The primary object of Sunday School work is to read and study the Bible. The fact of Sunday School is well established and needs no defense. It has for many years held first place among all the organizations within our Churches, and we feel that it should be given an important place and due consideration.

It is and has been the greatest soul--winning agency of the Church. According to statistics, between 80 and 90 percent of all Baptisms and additions to our Churches come through Sunday School. Also the Sunday School gives the best opportunity for reading and studying the Bible.

We wish here to give some facts about the Sunday School work of this Association, taken from 1927 minutes, tables number one and two. We had in this Association 35 Churches with a membership of 5001. We had 33 Churches, having 34 Sunday Schools. 17 of these were evergreen and 17 were only part time, which left only two churches without any Sunday School. According to the 1927 minutes, we had 2759 enrolled in Sunday Schools, with an average attendance of 1465. We had 205 Baptisms during the year of 1927, and 80 to 90 percent of which come from the Sunday School. In round numbers we had 1379 Church members attending Sunday School, counting half of those in Sunday School as Church members. Leaving 3622 Church members not attending Sunday School.

In round numbers according to estimation we have 10,000

or more possibilities for Sunday School work in this association. 3,000 of which are lost. 3,000 of this number have recently reached the age of accountability, enough to make a day of Pentecost, if all could be lead to Christ in one day or even in a year.

We had an increase last year over 1926 of 436 in enrollment and an increase in attendance of 336. This is evidence of some good work during the year of 1927. We feel sure that greater work has been done during this past year.

We wish therefore to suggest that a closer relation between Church and Sunday School be brought about, which we feel will call for the undivided co-operation of all Pastors and each and every Church Member, and will to a great extent, if not altogether solve the problems facing our Sunday Schools to-day.

W. O. Johnson,
V. W. Teague,
Committee.

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

The report on Evangelism of last year was read by Elder E. V. Bumgarner, was adopted, and discussed by Elder J. B. Davis.

Webster says it is "The doctrine and preaching of evangelical principles.'"

I am not wedded to any particular method of evangelistic endeavor. I am prepared to pray God's blessings upon any man whom God honors in the preaching of His gospel and who is securing results, and yet I must confess an unwavering belief in the power of old-time preaching and the adoption and practice of old-time methods. I must confess that I do not have much confidence in modern Evangelism that counts quantity instead of quality.

Yet I do not believe in the one method, as that tends to get us in a rut, and to stay in the one rut is to fall. Special services leads us out of this, broadens the scope of our vision, and increases our blessing.

There must be an earnest desire on the part of the minister for the conviction and conversion of sinners, as well as for the deepened spiritual life of the church.

We must believe in the existence and presence of the living Christ.

There must be no uncertain sound about sin. Concerning a good deal of the preaching and teaching of to-day, John McNeill has said, "It is too dainty, too fine, too altogether nice, and all the time men are lost and in danger of future punishment." There must be presented the thought of One who will keep after once we are saved, "As the apple of his eye," in the New Testament, "Like sheep in the sheepfold."

Lastly, there must be a deep sense of his responsibility for service rendered.

Respectfully submitted,

T. E. PAYNE,
J. W. WATTS,
Committee.

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS

The Committee on Digest of Church Letters made the following report.

Baptisms	163
Membership	5574
Church Property	$41 946 00
Pastor's Salaries	5 044 07
Church Expenses	6 866 28
State Missions	20 27
Foreign Missions	659 71
Orphanage	628 09
Associational Missions	1 255 11
GRAND TOTAL	$66 419 53

H. S. DEAL,
L. S. JOHNSON,
W. E. WHITE.

The Clerk was ordered to have 500 copies of the Minutes printed where he could get it done cheapest.

Elder J. P. Gwaltney made a short talk. The Choir then sang, "Where We Never Grow Old" and the audience gave Uncle Jay a hearty handshake.

The Committee's report on Religious Exercise. Prayer services, L. T. Younger. 11:00 A. M. Sermon by Elder E. V. Bumgarner.

A resolution which will be placed in the history of the church, thanking the people of Pleasant Grove for their generous hospitality to the Association.

Dismissed by Elder W. J. Bumgarner till Thursday before the second Sunday in Oct. 1929.

Sunday, October 14, 1928

Prayer services by L. T. Younger. Read 18th chapter of Luke. Sermon by Elder E. V. Bumgarner. Text: 2nd Cor. 6. 2. Collection for Foreign Missions. Amount, $43.41.

THE HISTORIAN'S WORK

The present session of the Alexander Baptist Association is well attended, and the discussion of the different subjects were entered into with enthusiasm. The weather was fine and the congregations unusually large.

The hospitality of the people was unbounded. The table spread at noon was wonderful. So many good things to eat, it made all visitors wish they could return to this gracious people again. The Association has never been entertained better, if as well, at any of its previous meetings.

Pleasant Grove Church.

This Church is 13 miles Northwest of Statesville and 7 miles Southeast of Stony Point, near the Iredell and Alexander County line. It is situated in a beautiful oak grove and in the midst of a fine farming section. The people are prosperous and of a high type of citizenship.

The church was organized December 1, 1900. A Presbytery

consisting of J. P. Gwaltney, E. N. Gwyn and A. H. Goodin with Bro. N. H. Sloan and others from Damascus Baptist Church met and organized the church.

On motion of Elder J. P. Gwaltney, Elder E. N. Gwyn was elected moderator of the Presbytery and Elder A. H. Goodin, Secretary. Letters were called for and read as follows: R.L. Levan and wife, Mary E. Levan, J. J. Levan and wife, Levilia Levan and children, Maudie and Elilm, F. M. Teague and children, C. L., M. K., Emma, Eula and Dora, R. W. Grant and wife, M. A. Grant and children, W. S., C. S., and Robert, and Mary Pool. All the above came from Damascus Baptist Church. E. S. Millsaps and wife, D. E. Millsaps, came from South River Baptist Church.

The following ministers have served the church as pastors: Rev. J. P. Gwaltney served from the time the church was organized to March 12, 1904; Rev. R. L. Davis served from March 12, 1904 to Oct. 22, 1906; Rev. T. E. Redman served from October 22, 1906 to August 1909; Rev. J. M. Brinkley served from October 1909 to December 1912; Rev. J. P. Gwaltney again served the church from December 1912 to May 7, 1915; Rev. R. L. Davis again served from May 7, 1915 to May 1916; Rev. L. H. Williams served from May 1916 to August 1922; Rev. L. E. Barnes was called as pastor September 1922 and is still serving the church at the present time.

The following clerks have served the church: E. S. Millsaps from the time the church was organized to September 8, 1906; R. C. Bowles from September 8, 1906 to June 20, 1908; R. E. Levan from September 8, 1906 to November 1917; J. I. W. Levan was appointed clerk, November 24, 1917, and is serving at the present time.

Obituaries

Beulah Levan Redmond was a member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. She was born August 25, 1902 and died October — 1927. She joined the church August 1913.

Emma Levan McLean was born June 12, 1891. She joined Pleasant Grove church August 8, 1902. She died March 13, 1928.

Fred Harris joined Pleasant Grove by letter August 26, 1925. He died during the past year.

The following is a list of members who died during the last Associational year as given by the church letters:

ANTIOCH—Matilda Kellar, Alfed Hollar, Hogan Fox, and Columbus Bowman.

BETHEL—Mrs. R. J. Millsaps and J. A. Quinn.

CONCORD—Mrs. Ollie Sipes, and Clarence Teague.

DAMASCUS—Mrs. Carrie Sloan McClelland.

DOVER—Mrs. Iva Pennell.

ELIZABETH—C. J. Rope and Jno. Hager.

EAST TAYLORSVILLE—Mrs. Annie James.

LITTLE RIVER—William Deal and William Teague.

LEBANON—Mrs. Ella Watts.

LINNEY'S GROVE—Miss Fannie Millsaps, Miss Nellie Millsaps and Robert Munday.

MT. HERMAN—Mrs. J. B. Echerd.

MT. OLIVE—B. B. Davis, J. G. Fortner and Elisha Davis.

MACEDONIA—W. R. Wilson, J. W. Stikeleather, Mrs. Ola Moose, and Miss Lila Goble.

POPLAR SPRINGS—W. H. Barnette.

PLEASANT HILL—J. P. Wike and J. J. Davidson.

SULPHUR SPRINGS—Mrs. C. F. Lackey and Mrs. Amanda Dunmire.

STONY POINT—Miss Sadie Harris, Sidney Lumsden, and John T. Dishman.

THREE FORKS—Mrs. Mary Steel, Mrs. Sarah Teague, Mrs. J. C. Chapman, and Jno. M. Oxford.

TAYLORSVILLE—Mila Watts, Mrs. Maggie Robinette, Mrs. Minnie Lambert, Horace Pratt, and James Pennell.

TAYLOR SPRINGS—R. L. Cass, Mrs. Mattie Dishman, and Mrs. M. R. Williams.

WHITE PLAINS—Mrs. Jane C. Campbell, Mrs. J. Y. Crouch, Mrs. Emma Burgess and Jno. B. Sloop.

H. S. Deal, Historian.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received from Churches and Individuals as follows:

	Missions	Orphanage	Minute Fund
Collection 1927 Association	$ 10 04		
Mrs. Hicks Hendren	1 00		
Mrs L. E. Barnes	1 00		
Zion Hill at Boomer	25 00		
Antioch			3 00
Bethany	33 14		2 50
Bethel	33 26		2 70
Bethlehem	20 27		1 31
Beulah			
Concord			1 20
Damascus	17 61		3 10
Dover		8 57	1 00
East Taylorsville	10 75		1 45
Elizabeth			3 15
Fair View	15 00		1 75
Gay's Chapel	2 25	4 35	1 00
Hiddenite	7 75		1 00
Lebanon	114 29		1 35
Liledoun			1 50
Linney's Grove	11 50		1 25
Little River			1 35
Macedonia			2 00
Millersville			1 65
Mt. Hebron			1 80
Mt. Herman	7 78		2 40
Mt. Nebo			1 00
Mt. Olive	15 00		2 14
Pilgrim			2 85
Pleasant Grove	17 15		2 25
Pleasant Hill			3 00
Poplar Springs			90
Sulphur Springs	34 55		2 70
Stony Point	32 61		4 50
Smyrna			1 50
Three Forks	10 00		2 55
Taylorsville	73 42		8 00
Taylor Springs	14 75		1 29
White Plains	10 40		2 10
Collection at 1928 Association	43 89	18 71	
Alex Sharpe	1 00		
Total Receipts	$563 41	$31 63	$71 24
Disbursements			
April 28th T. L. Blalock	110 62		
Sent by Bro W. J. Bumgarner	44 06		
Nov. 1st T. L. Blalock	408 73		
Oct. 13th Orphanage		26 16	
Nov. 1st Orphanage		5 47	
R. B. McLeod, clerk Minute Fund			71 24
Total Disbursements	$563 41	$31 63	$71 24

Chas. E. Echerd, Treas

TABLE I—CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

CHURCH	PASTOR AND POSTOFFICE	CLERK AND POSTOFFICE	When constituted	Time of Preaching	Baptisms	Letters	Restorations	Letters	Dismissions	Deaths	Totals
Antioch		Vance W. Teague, Taylorsville, R 4	1826			1	9	6		4	97
Bethany	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	E. E. Pool, Gilreath	1892	1	9	1	1	7		1	98
Bethel	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	S. C. Campbell, Taylorsville	1800	3	5	1		2		2	200
Bethlehem	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville, R 5	V. W. Teague, Sr., Taylorsville, R 1	1871	1	6	3	0	2	0	0	262
Beulah	J. S. Stevenson, Taylorsville	Clyde Payne, Taylorsville	1914	2&4	0	0	0	2	0	0	80
Concord	B. F. Peeler, Taylorsville	N. R. Martin, Stony Point	1852	2&4	14	0	0	2	0	2	243
Damascus	G. D. White, Statesville, R 5	Maggie McLain, Statesville, R 2	1839	1	8	2	0	4	2	1	207
Dover	S. I. Watts, Boomer, N. C.	Fred Pennell, Taylorsville, R. 4	1833	4	3	0	1	0	1	1	174
East Taylorsville	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville, R 5	R. L. Chamberlain, Taylorsville	1924	0	13	0	0	0	0	1	89
Elizabeth	J. M. McAlpine, Stony Point	J. C. Painter, Charlotte, N. C.		3	5	3	0	4	0	2	132
Fair View	L. E. Barnes, Taylorsville, R 3	T. L. Query, Hiddenite, R 1	1921	4	1	1	0	1	0	0	52
Gay's Chapel	J. M. McAlpine, Stony Point	J. D. Honeycutt, Elmwood	1885	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	65
Hiddenite	W. E. Linney, Wilkesboro, N. C.	J. W. Hendren, Hiddenite	1915	1	8	3	0	0	0	0	55
Island Ford	J. S. Stevenson, Taylorsville	J. H. Byers, Eufola, R ----	1897	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	51
Lebanon	S. I. Watts, Boomer	G. W. Bumgarner, Taylorsville, R 5		2	2	2	0	0	0	3	106
Liledoun	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	C. A. Smith, Taylorsville	1906	2	24	0	1	5	0	0	170
Little River	B. F. Peeler, Taylorsville	N. C. Deal, Taylorsville	1792	1	1	1	1	4	0	2	121
Macedonia	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	J. W. Fincannon, Taylorsville		2	5	0	0	3	0	4	160
Millersville	B. F. Peeler, Taylorsville	G. W. Stafford, Taylorsville		1&3	6	2		3	0	0	73
Mt. Hebron	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	C. C. Deal, Taylorsville		4	7	2	1	1	0	0	90
Mt. Herman	T. E. Payne, Hudson, N. C.	P. E. Johnson, Taylorsville	1912	4	1	2	0	1	1	1	169
Mt. Nebo	B. F. Peeler, Taylorsville	G. L. Steele, Stony Point	1907	2&4	1	0	0	0	0	0	105
Mt. Olive	S. I. Watts, Boomer	R. T. Lowe, Pores Knob	1865	2	4	4	0	2	0	3	161
Pilgrim	L. E. Barnes, Taylorsville	J. M. Querry, Hiddenite	1837	2	0	0	0	2	3	0	148
Pleasant Grove	L. E. Barnes, Taylorsville	J. I. W. Levan, Stony Point	1900	4	1	0	0	2	0	3	75
Pleasant Hill	L. E. Barnes, Taylorsville	Jeffie Daniels, Taylorsville	1852	1	7	0	0	1	0	2	136
Poplar Springs	S. I. Watts, Boomer	W. L. Russell, Taylorsville	1872	1	1	1	0	7	0	1	171
Sulphur Springs	A. E. Watts Taylorsville	S. F. Cook, Hiddenite	1867	3	8	5	1	5	0	2	172
Stony Point	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	W. Y. Ball, Stony Point	1909	1&3	14	8	0	6	0	3	274
Smyrna	J. H. Boggs, Gastonia, N. C.	C. M. Cline, Taylorsville	1923	2&4	0	0	0	0	2		52
Three Forks	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville	1857	3	1	3	2	4	0	5	300
Taylorsville	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville	1851	2&4	0	11	0	9	1	5	262
Taylor Springs	J. W. Rash, Statesville	L. T. Younger, New Hope	1852	3	12	0	3	0	2	3	147
White Plains	J. W. Watts, Patterson, N. C.	G. M. Grant, Taylorsville	1912	2	2	7	0	6	0	4	206
Linney's Grove	G. D. White, Statesville	J. F. Baker, Hiddenite, R 1	1895	4	6	3	0	4	1	3	174

TABLE II—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Church	Superintendent—Postoffice	Officers and Teach	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermedia	Baptisms from S. S.	Adults	Average attendance	Total	Gifts
Antioch		6									
Bethany	W. J. Moore, Gilreath, N. C.	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	51	126	0
Bethel	J. W. McCurdy, Hiddenite	6	7	0	0	0	0	0	30	37	
Bethlehem	V. W. Teague, Sr., Taylorsville	9	24	30	25	20	3	38	60	137	$ 32 21
Beulah	John Webster, Taylorsville	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Concord	E. C. Martin, Stony Point	5	6	15	15	20		30		96	10 40
Damascus	A. A. Leach, Statesville	5							47	68	22 06
Dover	D. W. Mooney, Taylorsville	5							26	66	
East Taylorsville	T. J. Fortner, Taylorsville	6					6		31	79	53 25
Elizabeth	J. C. Painter, Charlotte, N. C.	3							75		
Fair View	W. B. Hendren, Hiddenite,	7					1		50		15 00
Gay's Chapel	Mrs. Z. V. Poole, Elmwood, N. C.	4		8	5	7	2	5	25	29	6 59
Hiddenite	J. W. Hendren, Hiddenite	7	5	10	12	9		34	45	77	
Island Ford											
Lebanon	Ed Bumgarner, Taylorsville	7							48	75	
Liledoun	Perry Stafford	7					14		60		12 00
Linney's Grove	J. W. McCurdy, Taylorsville	6								98	
Little River	T. Z. Webster, Taylorsville	5					1				
Macedonia											
Millersville	Pleas Smith, Taylorsville	7	15	10	12			26		79	
Mt. Hebron	C. C. Deal, Taylorsville										
Mt Herman	L. C. Echerd, Taylorsville	8	10	14	22	22	1	26	55	96	34 78
Mt. Nebo	Lillie Blankenship, Stony Point										
Mt. Olive	H. S. Deal, Taylorsville	7	12	15	12	14	3	24	45	84	
Pilgrim	W. R. Fox, New Hope	5								65	
Pleasant Grove	L. S. Johnson, Stony Point	6								76	
Pleasant Hill	J. G. Deal, Taylorsville								17	57	
Poplar Springs	W. L. Russell, Taylorsville	4							33	45	
Sulphur Springs	A. Q. Patterson, Hiddenite	10	19	19	23	70		39	76	180	106 51
Stony Point	A. L. Watts, Stony Point	9	30	15	50	80	10	25	150	209	158 54
Smyrna	B. W. Teague, Taylorsville	7	16	7	6	11		11	38	58	12 00
Three Forks	R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville	7	24	8	6	14		20	50	72	9 22
Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville	14	48	11	21	30		51	141	175	223 00
Taylor Springs	C. C. Redmond, New Hope	6							65	125	11 00
White Plains	W. A. Sweet, Hiddenite	9	8	7	5	25		30	40	84	8 65
	Total	204	224	169	114	322	41	359	1258	2293	$ 715 21

Church	Pastor's Salary	B. Y. P. U. & S. S.	Ministerial Help	Other Objects	Minute Fund	Total Local	Missions	Orphanage	Cooperative Program	Grand Total
Antioch	$ 76 00	$ 8 00	$	$ 15 00	$ 3 00	$ 102 00	$	$ 2 00	$10 00	$ 102 00
Bethany	125 00		19 60		2 50	147 10	33 14	16 00		196 24
Bethel	75 00		36 00		2 70	113 70	34 26	9 52		157 48
Bethlehem	189 55	14 56	59 36	28 35	1 31	293 13	20 27	39 00		378 55
Beulah	25 57		29 62			55 19				55 19
Concord	186 88		38 00		1 20	226 08				226 08
Damascus	126 00	22 06	59 81	43 55	3 10	254 42	88 03	15 61	11 40	369 46
Dover	114 20		41 94	134 00	1 00	291 14		8 57		299 71
East Taylorsville	172 17	8 00	51 06	12 00	1 45	244 68				244 68
Elizabeth	231 72	125 00	45 00	172 60	3 15	657 27	74 75			732 02
Fair View	50 00	15 00	36 00	65 00	1 75	153 35	18 00	12 60		183 95
Gay's Chapel	50 25	3 25			1 00	59 50	2 60	4 00		66 10
Hiddenite	170 38	20 00	61 67	12 00	1 00	264 05	11 25	29 71	25 91	331 72
Island Ford										
Lebanon	150 50			6 80	75	158 05	129 29	34 07		334 21
Liledoun	85 65	12 00	5 80	29 80	1 50	134 75	4 95	3 00		142 70
Linney's Grove	135 68		42 10		1 25	179 03	11 50			190 53
Little River	55 34		2 50	34 50	1 35	93 69		8 38		102 07
Macedonia	100 00		40 00	150 00	2 00	292 00		16 00		308 00
Millersville	173 00		50 00	52 75		275 75		22 60	17 00	315 35
Mt. Hebron	42 90		13 00		1 80	62 70	4 55	2 85		69 55
Mt Herman	151 20	20 75	49 25		2 40	223 05	7 78	22 14		351 97
Mt. Nebo	86 85			9 00		95 85				95 85
Mt. Olive	107 00	36 87	35 00	12 00	2 14	193 01	15 00	19 10	1 00	238 11
Pilgram				5 00	2 85	7 85		6 36		14 21
Pleasant Grove	104 50		24 00	12 75	2 25	142 01	25 15	13 80		180 96
Pleasant Hill	73 00		35 00		3 00	111 00				111 00
Poplar Springs	99 25		15 25		90	115 40		6 72		122 12
Sulphur Springs	263 75	74 93	47 72	12 00	2 70	401 15	34 58	92 43		655 17
Stony Point	860 00	90 00	96 85		4 50	1969 35	32 61	158 34		1261 50
Smyrna	150 00	12 00	33 00	215 00	1 50	411 50			19 40	430 90
Three Forks	102 00	9 22	65 00	66 67	2 15	253 28	10 00	12 48		273 76
Taylorsville	808 00	123 41		35 64	8 00	944 78	73 42	99 59		1117 79
Taylor Springs	67 88		37 00	127 50	1 29	234 38	14 75	7 82		267 95
White Springs	153 35	8 65	27 00	1 95	2 10	195 05	10 62	7 00		212 67
Total	$5362 47	$687 95	$1105 23	$1083 87	$67 99	$8461 19	$560 50	$482 69	$83 71	$19 921 75

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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

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Linney's Grove ----------L. P. Gwaltney, W. E. Linney

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Taylorsville ----------A. E. Watts

Taylor Springs ----------D. C. Thompson, L. T. Younger

White Plains ----------C. F. Friday

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1929

11:00 A. M. The Association was opened by the singing "He Loves Me". Prayer by Elder T. E. Payne. Introductiry sermon by Elder E. V. Bumgarner. Text, Acts 17:18.

INTERMISSION

1:00 P. M. The Association was called to order by the Moderator J. L. Gwaltney. Prayer by Bro. J. M. Fortner.

The following churches were enrolled:

Antioch—Jeffie Oxford, Clarence Keller, V. W. Teague, Jr.
Bethlehem—V. W. Teague, Sr., W. L. Starnes, T B. Wagner.
Bethel—S. C. Campbell, Major Green, Floyd Barnette.
Concord—N. R. Martin, R. J. Metheson, L. P. Warren.
Damascus—Baxter McLain, Blane Shaver, Maggie McLain.
Dover—Fred Pennell, Ed Mooney, Luther Dyson.
Elizabeth—L. H. Painter, Mrs. A. M. Bumgarner, Mrs. Joe Painter.
East Taylorsville—J. T. Fortner, Ish Pennell, H. A. Childers.
Fair View—T. L. Query, W. B. Hendren, W C Lowe
Hiddenite—D. Fred Milstead, Glenn Hendren, J. J. Adams.
Little River—N. C. Deal, W. L. Kerley, Ralph Deal.
Linney's Grove—J F. Baker, J. C. Ford, L. R. Sloan
Liledoun—C. A. Smith, Bryan Fox, S. W. Teague, N. A. Fox.
Lebanon—Howard Fortner, J. M. Fortner, C. J. Chapman
Mt. Hebron—C. C. Deal, Wilson Wike, J. C. Clanton.
Mt. Herman—P. E. Johnson, Vance Johnson, L. C. Echerd.
Macedonia—J. W. Fincannon Pleas Smith, J. P. Mecimore.
Millersville—G. W. Stafford, Ed Warren, C. L. Stafford.
Mt. Olive—L. J. Bumgarner, H. S. Deal, R. T. Lowe
Pilgrim—Gordon Mayberry John Childers.
Pleasant Grove—J. T. W. Levan, J. B. Grant, J. C. Goforth.
Pleasant Hill—F. E Harrington. Timothy Daniels, Zebium Childers
Sulphur Springs—S. F. Cook, R. C. Sharpe, J. B. Sharpe.
Stony Point—C W. Combs S C. Johnson, W. Y. Hall.
Three Forks—R. B. McLeod, J. C. Chapman.
Taylorsville—A C. Harrington, A. C. Payne, G. P. Pennell.
Taylor Springs—L. T. Younger, D. L. Williams, C. C. Redmond.

White Plains—R. M. Grant, J. A. Robinette, J. G. Blankenship.

On motion by Elder W. J. Bumgarner to elect the present officers by acclamation, to-wit:

Moderator, J. L. Gwaltney.

Celrk, R. B. McLeod.

Hsitorian, H. S. Deal.

Treasurer, C. E. Echerd.

The following brethern were enrolled and welcomed to seats by the moderator: W. A. Jennings of the Brushy Mountain Association and H. C. Cook of South Yadkin Association.

By Motion of Bro. H. S. Deal the Churchs' letters were ordered read and Bro. H. S. Deal and W. E. White were appointed to read them.

The fololwing committees were appointed by the Moderator:

Digest of Church Letters, S. W. Teague, P. E. Johnson, J. W. Fincannon.

Finance, C. E. Echerd, H. S. Deal, Sammie Johnson.

Nomination, W. J. Bumgarner, A. E. Watts, J. A. Robinette.

Religious Exercise, Pastor and Messengers of Mt. Hebron Church.

Elder E. V. Bumgarner was appointed on the committee of Spirituality of the Churches. Elder C. C. Holland on Fundamental Doctrines.

The report of Fundamental Doctrines was called and read by Chairman Elder T. E. Payne and was very forceably discussed by Elder T. E. Payne and adopted.

The Association adopted the old method of business to-wit:

9:30 A. M., Prayer Service.

10:00 A. M., Business.

11:00 A. M., Sermon.

12:00, Intermission.

1:00 P. M., Business.

Adjourn at will .

Homes were assigned to the delegates.

The Committee made the following Reports.

L. T. Younger Prayer Service, 11:00. Sermon A. E. Watts.

FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES

Fundamental Doctrines are the foundation of the whole Christian system stands or falls, and if the foundations be

destroyed what can the righteous do. Psalm 11:3.

A fundamentalist accepts all the Bible as the word of God, and staggers at none of it, Tho' there may be much of it he does not understand, and to the athest and others who do not acecpt it at all he says ye do err not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God. Matt. 22:29.

Some of the most important Doctrines I.—A real faith in God, and the trinity, God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

II. —The creation, according to God's account in Genesis the Sin and fall of man, the total depravity of the human heart, man's lost estate.

III.—God's love and relation to man, in bringing him back ro saving him. First Giving his Son to die in our stead. The word of truth, the Holy Spirit to Convict and Regenerate. We need to recognize the convicting power more and more. It is a fact that folks cannot repent and come to God, without conviction. No man can come to me, except the Father which sent me draw his. John 6:44.

IV.—Mans part in being saved. A willingness on his part to be saved.

2.—Genuine Repentance. We ought to sound no uncertain note on the Doctrine of repentance. What is repentance? It is pain or deep sorrow, for Sin or wrong doing. A renouncing turning away from cr giving up sin, quitting it. A Godly sorrow worketh repentence unto salvation not to be repented of, but the sorrow of the wrold worketh death. 2 Cor. 7:10.

3.—Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and in him alone for life and Salvation.

4.—One more essential Doctrine, is that of surrendering of our selves to Jesus Christ, as Lord as well as Saviour. We hear the word come, and we come for saving. But too few of us hear him as He says, Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel. Ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price. 1 Cor. 6:19, 20.

T. E. Payne,
C. C. Holland
Committee.

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Adjourned till 9:30 Friday Morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 11, 1929

The Association met as per adjournment. Prayer service by L. T. Younger, read 3rd chapter of 2nd Peter.

10:00 A. M. The Association was called to order by the moderator. Prayer by Jack Keller. Delinpuent Churches were called for the following were enrolled.

Bethany—E. E. Pool, Alvis Moore, C. J. Pool.

Gay's Chapel—R.L . Smith, M. R. Cashion, C. W. Brown.

Mt. Nebo—Mrs .W. P. Blankenship.

Poplar Springs—W L. Russell, E. B. Walker, Butler Chapman.

Smyrna—Q. L. Fry, Avery Fox, Cara Bowman.

Visiting brethren were called for and Walter M. Gilmore comed to seats by the Moderator.
of Raleigh and Wade Bostic a Missionary to China were wel-

The report on Temperance was called and read by chairman, Bro. A. C. Payne. Was discussed by A. C. Payne, Elder S. I. Watts, J. L. Teague, W J Bumgarner, J M McAlpine and adopted.

The report on Duties to the Poor was called by Bro. H. S. Deal and was continued till the afternoon.

11:00 A. M. Sermon by Elder A. E. Watts. Text John 12:21.

INTERMISSION

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

INTERPERANCE, like other vices, is deceiptful and seductive. It frequently presents a beautiful exterior, while within it is all corruption, and as loathsome as a sepulcher, full of dead men's bones. Youth is charmed and cheated by it, and old age, it often covers with shame and disgrace.

The particular form of intemperance your committee will deal with in this report is the use of intoxicating liquors. The definition of temperance as given, no longer applies to the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. People who in any way use or handle liquor as a beverage are violators of not only the laws of God, but of the fundamental laws of the nation. Your Committee is glad to report that while some liquor is being made and drunk, yet progress is being made in the enforcement of the prohibition law. We are pleased to say that within the boundary of this Association the sentiment among the people is changing from apathy to a determination to see that the law in this respect is enforced. If they will only do their duty, there are enough church members in this Association to drive liquor from its bounds, and we call upon them to cooperate with the officers and to see that the laws against the liquor business are enforced.

Your Committee deplores the seemingly increase in the use of cigarettes, especially among the young people. The parents of our children should see to it that the use of this destructive weapon of the health does not spread.

We are encouraged by the words of some of our great jur-

ists of this state, that the liquor evil is gradually being brought under control. Let God fearing people everywhere gird themselves for the battle against intemperance.

A. C. PAYNE, Committee.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

Fundamental Doctrine—W. T. Comer, J. L. Teague.
Temperance— W. J. Bumgarner, B. F. Peeler.
Church and Pastoral Relations—T. E. Payne, H. S. Deal.
Spirituality of the Churches—J. W| Rash, S. I. Watts.
Missions—C. C. Holland, J. S. Stephenson.
Duties to the Poor—A. C. Payne, J. M. McAlpine.
Sunday Schools —E. V. Bumgarner, C. E. Echerd.
Evangelism—G. C. Teague, G. D. White.
Messengers to other Associations:
Brier Creek—D. C. Thompson.
Caldwell—A. C. Payne.
South Yadkin—L. T. Younger.
Brushy Mountain—H. S. Deal.
State Convention—A. E. Watts, C. E. Echerd.
Southern Baptist Convention—A. C. Payne.
Time of next Meeting—Thursday before second Sunday in November 1930.
Place—White Plains.
To preach introductory sermon—W. E. Linney; Alternate C. C. Holand.

W. J. Bumgarner,
J ay Robinette,
A. E. Watts.
Committee.

REPORT ON DUTIES TO THE POOR

Our Savior on one occasion, in answer to a question, said: "The poor you have with you always and when you will you may do them good." We rejoice that we live in this day when the principals of our divine Master have so permeated the masses of the human family that institutions are provided for the care of the poor in every County. But this provision does not exempt the Church of the living God from providing for the helpless poor of our own Church.

The spirit of Christianity has prompted the Baptists of North Carolina to build and equip a Home at Thomasville for the Fatherless Children of our deceased brethren. We are rejoiced to know that our orphans are there trained for time

and eternity.

We pray for the widows and orphans; we believe that it is right that they should be cared for. But James says: Faith without work is dead. We also read in Proverbs 21:13, that who stoppeth his ears to the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.

Again in Deut. 15:11 it is said: "For the Poor shall never cease out of the land. Therefore I command thee saying thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brothers, to thy poor and to thy needy in the land.

Respectully Submitted,

B. F. Peeler,
H. S. Deal,
W. O. Johnson,
Committee.

Supplement to the Report Duties to the Poor

The support of the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville should be near the hearts of every Baptist in our Association. Every pastor and Sunday school superintendent should bring the needs of the Orphanage before their people at least once a month.

We have six children in the Orphanage Home from Alexander County. We are not giving of our means to the support of these six children.

Last year we gave to the support of the Orphanage $628,-09. This was eleven cents for each church member in the Association, or an average of $18.47 per church. We hope the report this year will show an increase incontributions to the Orphanage. Every church in the Association is urged to do more for the Orphanage this coming year. Let us go forward with the determination to support the children in the Orphanage from Alexander County at least.

H. S. Deal,
Orphanage Representative in the Alexander Association.

12:45 P. M. The committe on Nominations made the following reports.

Visiting brethren were called for and Elder A. T. Pardue of the Brushy Mountain Association was welcomed to a seat by the Moderator.

Bro. Partee Russell announced that he was representing the Forerunner. Walter M. Gillmore the Bibical Recorder and J. A. McMillan the Charity and Children.

The report on Duties to the Poor was continued from forenoon and discussed by Bros. H. S. Deal and J. A. McMillan and adopted.

A collection for the Orphanage was taken, amount $18.56.

The report on Church and Pastoral Relation was called and read by Elder J. S. Stephenson. Was discussed by Elder J. S. Stephenson, Bro. C. E. Echerd, A. C. Payne, Q. L. Fry, L. R. Sloan, J. L Gwaltney, E V Bumgarner and W J Bumgarner and adopted as follows.

CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATIONS

Your committee is pleased to report that the relations of the pastors and churches in the Alexander Associatioin is most gratifying. So far as we have been able to ascertain there is no discord between any of the churches and their pastors. This should ever be so, the relations should be more nearly like that which existed between Jonathan and David, your committee wishes to call attention, nevertheless, to a lack on the part of the churches to properly support the pastors in a financial way. That the laborer is worthy of his hire, is abundantly taught in the Bibble there is, no doubt on the part of Baptists. Luke 10:7, Matthew 10:10. That the Baptists of the Alexander Association are not living up to this faith in the matter of pastoral support is shown by past reports. the average salary being less than $400.00 for the year ending October 1st, 1928, and $_____for the year just closed. The average membership is 115. The average amount per member is $1.35. These figures your committee feel, are hardly creditable.

We desire to call attention to the fact that many pastors are failing in their duty with respect to pastoral visits, in this we would urge a greater diligence on the part of the pastors, as your committee believes this is a very important part of the pastor's work.

J. S. Stephenson.
For Committee.

The report on Spirituality of the Churches was called and read by Elder E. V. Bumgarner. Discussed by Elder A. T. Pardue and adopted.

SPIRITUALITY OF THE CHURCHES

We are suffering from the effect of a wide spread spiritual drought. By this we mean absence of the conscious presence

of the Holy Spirit, which is just as necessary in all our works as are the rain drops to the farmer. The meaning is broad. It may mean: 1. Preaching without success. 2. Praying without fitness. 3. Church going without its blessing. 4. Absence of all the influences necessary to the growth of Christians.

Some of the consequences or results in the Church: (1) Small natural growth. (2) A decline in vital activities. (3) A falling off in Church attendance. (4; A growth in formalism. (5) A resort to the expedient and that to counteract the influence of this drought.

Some of the things which have caused this Spiritual Drought: (1) Failing to emphasize His Word. (2) Failing to give that hearty response in His Work which He looks for. (3) By aliviating the importance to the Man of Jesus and the Bible. (4) By putting into the churches material other than living stones.

How this wide-spread of Spiritual Drought may be broken up. (1) By repenting and getting in the right attitude toward Jesus Christ and God's Word. (2) By acknowledging our need of Divine guidance. (3) By emphasizing the fundamental doctrines of the Bible.

We suggest that Jermiah 14, 1: 16 be carefully studied.

W. T. Comer, For the Committee.

The Committee on Religion made the following report: Prayer Service L. R. Sloan. 11:00 Sermon by Elder A. T. Pardue. Adjourned till 9:30 Saturday morning.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12th, 1929

Met as per adjournment. Prayer service by L. R. Sloan. Read 15th chapter of St. John.

10:00 A. M. The association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Q. L. Fry.

The Report on Missions was called and read by Elder W. J. Bumgarner. Discussed by Elders Wade Bostic and Walter M. Gillmore and adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

God's message to every poor lost sinner in all the world is, "Come to Jesus Christ and be saved upon the terms of the Gospel". His message to every saved person is "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you." Therefore, every child of God should willingly obey his

Lord's command to go in the power of the Spirit in the fullness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Precept and Principle

Matthew 9: 3, 7, 38—Then saith he unto his disciples—The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye, therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.

Practice and Example

Acts 13: 1-5. We quote in part—The Holy Ghost said: "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed They sent them away. So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia."

The Work

Acts 14:25. "And when they had preached the word."

Report

Acts 14:26 to 28. We quote in part—"And when they were come to Antioch and had gathered the church together. They rehearsed all that God had done with them."

Recommendation

We, your committee recommend that the churches of this association offer earnest prayer to God that He will call missionaries from among our number, meantime we recommend that we heartily support our beloved missionary, T. L. Blalock, with our means and earnest prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. Rash,
W. J. Bumgarner,
Committee. --

11:00 Sermon by Elder A. T. Pardue. Text Heb. II:14

INTERMISSION

1:00 P. M. The report on Sunday Schools was called and read by Elder W. J. Bumgarner. Discussed by Elder W. J. Bumgarner, Bros. Q. L. Fry and L. R. Sloan and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Your Committee on Sunday Schools, would report as fol-

lows. The Sunday School has been defined as the Church at work. All should be in the Sunday School. What is good for the children is good for the parents. Your Committee regrets that all our churches do not have a Sunday School. A well conducted Sunday School almost always results in an ingathering of souls. Your Committee would ask the following questions: Is there a time in the history of the child that he is innocent and irresponsible and not amenable to law? As proof of this fact, we would refer you to the following Scripture: Deut. 1:36; 1st Samuel 3:7; also 2nd and 7th verse, and Joshua 4:11. At what time do children become responsible and accountable to God? I remember a Methodist Elder who was instructing some young ministers and he said do not tell pentants they have religion, let the Lord tell them first and then they will tell you. The Sunday School in my estimation is a perfactory work, just like a farmer prepares the land for a crop, and the Gospel is the good seen that must be sown in the soil which will yield fruit some 30 some 60 and some 100 fold. Another objection to the modern Sunday School is—it is usurping the place of the church. The children are taught that when they have attended the Sunday School they are dismissed and sent home and need not stay for the preaching of the Gospel. May the Good Lord help us not to stand in the way of the salvation of any child; but bear them before a throne of God's Grace that in God's own good time, He will send conviction to their hearts and conversion to their precious souls.

Respectfully submitted,
W. J. Bumgarner.

To relieve Bros. H. S. Deal and J. S. Stephenson of visiting the churches in interest of the Orphanage, Bro. L. R. Sloan was appointed to visit the churches in the western part and L. T. Younger in the eastern part of the county.

The Association adopted the following resolution of thanks to the people of Mt. Hebron church for their hospitality to the visitors during the Association.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

The following resolution offered and passed by the Association:

"Be it resolved, that the Association extend to this Church and the community a vote of thanks and appreciation for its gracious and generous hospitality, and the splendid manner in which it has entertained the Association, and for the abundant and good things to eat, and especially the bountiful table provided each day at the church.

We pray God's blessings upon the church and community."

The Report on Evangelism was called and read by Elder W. J. Bumgarner. Discussed by Elder L. E. Barnes and adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

The story of Evangelism is the specific history of the Cross of Christ. Great movements and revivals have made up much of its general history, but slowly and quietly through the years the Evangel has won as men and women have led fellow human beings to repentance and have by precept and example followed in the foot-steps of their Lord.

The well springs of successful Evangelism are (1) A deep and abiding conviction that man by nature is lost and undone, and a corresponding fullness in the Lord Jesus Christ for ever defect in their own sinful nature. (2) Preaching the Word Timothy was commanded to do the work of an Evangelist and in doing it he was to "Preach the Word"—with all long suffering and doctrine. (3) To wait in ever blessed Spirit to convict and convert the soul.

If these methods fail, we just as well leave men to their fate. A departmure from these methods in modern Evangelism is filling our Churches with the unregenerate, thus paving the way for the man of sin, and the unpitying hand of persecution.

Respectfully submitted,
E. V. Bumgarner.

On motion of Q. L. Fry the Association ordered that the report on Sunday School should come up for discussion at 2:00 P. M. and Missions at 3:00 P. M. on Thursday of our next Association.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISE

The Committee on Religious Exercise made the following report: J. S. Stephenson Prayer Service. 11:00 Sermon E. V. Bumgarner followed by E. L. Barnes.

It was requested that all delegates and preachers attend the full session of the Association if possible to do so.

Dismissed by Elder W. J. Bumgarner till Thursday before the second Sunday in November 1930.

J. L. GWALTNEY, Moderator.
R. B. McLeod, Clerk.

REPORT of COMMITTEE ON DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS

The Committee on Digest of Church Letters made the following report.

Baptisms	182
Memberships	5,052
Church Property	$56,935.00
Pastor's Salaries	5,035.92
Church Expenses	8,821.83
Missions	635.26
Co-operative Program	94.83
Orphanage	625.70
GRAND TOTAL	$72,148.54

J. W. Fincannon,
S. W. Teague,
P. E. Johnson, Committee.

THE HISTORIAN'S WORK

This the Fifty-second Annual Session of the Alexander Association was well attended by a quiet, attentive and appreciative audience. The work of the Association was harmonious and the speeches were of a high order endeavoring to lift the people to a higher Christian life and a more efficient service.

Mt. Hebron Church.

This church is situated in the mountains in the northern part of Alexander County, five miles from Taylorsville, on the Taylorsville and Wilkesboro State Highway. It is surrounded by good farms and apple orchards and a short distance from Sugar Loaf Mountain.

The Church is the result of missionary work done by Christians many years before the Church was organized. Mrs. Philo Stephenson who lived on the mountain where her son Rev. J. S. Stephenson now lives, spent her best days working among her neighbors and in her section organizing Sunday Schools and having preaching often. Later a mission point was selected near Preston Daniels and at this point later the Church was organized.

A Presbytery consisting of Elders L. P. Gwaltney, W. J. Bumgarner, J. W. Watts met September 24th, 1915 at the mission point near Preston Daniels for the purpose of organizing a church. Elder W. J. Bumgarner was made chairman and E. V. Bumgarner Secretary of the Presbytery.

The following were charter members of the Church; Sarah

Goforth, Carolina, Daisy and Doro Goforth, Susan and Olive Price. Essie, Palestine and Estella Clanton, Susan Russell, B. S. Kerley, J. S. Stephenson, J. C. and D. C. Clanton, Parks Kerley, Richard and Julius Goforth, J. W. Price, J. F. Clanton, Ollie Kerley, Ona Bell Deal, Jane Clanton, Etta Stephenson, Daniels, Spurgeon Jr. and Almo Kerley, Cote Laws, Vernon W. E., Lola, and I. E. Wike, Oscar Goforth, Cornelius, Roby and Rebecca Davison, Norman and Dock Hubbard, R. G. Clanton. Patty and Lully Bently, J. P. Crouch, J. W. Deal, W. R. Barnette, Nannie and Mary Barnette and Sherman Kerley.

The following is the covenant of the Church adopted when the church was organized.

1st. That we will exercise a Christian care and watch over each other for good.

2nd. That we will warn, admonish, exhort each other to love good works.

3rd. That we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together. But will uphold the worship and ordinances of God's House.

4th. We will maintain personal and family religion in our homes, striving to lead our children and those under our care to the service of Christ and the enjoyment of heaven.

5th. That we will seek divine aid endeavoring to walk upright before the world that we may lead others to Christ.

6th. That we will cheerfully contribute of our means as God may prosper us (on the voluntary principle) for the poor and to maintain the gospel at home and abroad.

7th. And may the God of all grace make us perfect to do his will working in us That which is well pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ to whom be Glory for ever and ever, Amen and Amen.

The name Mt. Hebron was unanimously chosen for the Church. J. P. Crouch was elected first Church Clerk, and Rev. E. V. Bumgarner was elected supply pastor and served until 1918.

The first deacons of the Church were B. S. Kerley, J. C. Clanton, R. E. Goforth, W. E. Wike, Parks Wike, J. F. Clanton and R. F. Davidson.

The following pastors have served the church since 1918. Rev. C. F. Friday was called Dec. 8, 1918 and served until Sept. 1921; Rev. J. M. McAlpine was called Sept. 1921 and served until 1923; Rev D. C. Clanton served from Sept. 1923 to 1925; Rev. C. F. Friday from Nov. 1925 to Sept. 1927; Rev. W. J. Bumgarner from Sept 1927 to the present time.

The following have served as Church Clerks: The first Clerk was J. B. Goforth, J. S. Stephenson, V. C. Wike and C. C. Deal who is now Clerk

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF MEMBERS WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE YEAR AS GIVEN BY THE CHURCH LETTERS:

Antioch—Bros. Samuel Johnson and Daniel Benfield.

Bethlehem—Bro. C. B. Curtis.

Bethel—Sister Nancy Hendren and Emma Smith.

Concord—Sisters T. P. Lackey and Margaret Fox.

Damascus—Sisters Elizabeth Sloan and Bro. T. J. Menscer.

Dover—Bros. Jermiah Gilbert, A. Walter Pennell, M. Pennell and J. C. Dyson.

Gay's Chapel—Bro. W. H. Warren.

Hiddenite—Sister Sallie P. Lucus.

Little River—Bros. A. L. Barnes, Granville Chapman, Sister Minnie Bell James.

Liledoun—Bro. Jessie Teague.

Mt. Herman—Bro. J. M. McBride (deacon), Sister Amanda Ingram.

Mt. Olive—Sister Edith Davis.

Mecedonia—Bro. Loyd Wilson, Sisters Bessie Matlock and E. J. Wilson.

Poplar Springs—Bro. Winford Brookshire, Sister Rachael Medlock.

Pilgrim—Sister Lucretia Carson.

Pleasant Hill—Sister Jane Mitchell.

Sulphur Springs— Sister Lee Hines.

Stony Point—Bros. T. B. Lumnsden, T. D. Mitchell, Sisters A. L. Watts and S. H. Webster

Three Forks—Bros William Teague, Dr. E. W. Moose, W. V. Bebber, Sisters A. L. Burgess, Artie Deal and Rebecca Brookshire.

Taylorsville—Sister Reta Bell Echerd.

Taylor Springs—Elder T. H. Williams and sister Margaret Lambert.

White Plains—Bros. W. A. Sweet, P. J. Smith and H. C. Barnes.

H. S. DEAL, Historian.

The following is a record of funds that have passed through my hands as Associational Treasurer. Most of the Orphanage funds have been sent direct to the Orphanage as they should be. Some of the Missions Contributions were sent direct to Brother Blalock by the church Treasurers.

Please get mission funds into my hands as soon as possible after they are collected, so I may have something to send, all along through the year.

TREASUERS REPORT Recieved from churches and and Individuals as follows:	Minute Fund	Missions	Orphanage
Antioch	$ 3 00		
Bethany	2 35	42 53	
Bethel	2 30	28 34	
Bethlehem	1 40	22 03	5 00
Beulah			
Concord	1 45		
Damascus	3 00	13 10	
Dover	1 00	13 10	
East Taylorsville	2 60	27 60	
Elizabeth	3 33		
Fair View	1 75	17 00	
Gay's Chapel		4 00	6 00
Hiddenite	1 00	20 50	
Hiddenite Missionary Society		3 60	
Lebanon	1 50	103 00	
Liledoun	1 25		
Linney's Grove	1 40	26 37	
Little River	95		
Macedonia	2 45		
Millersville	75		
Mt. Hebron	2 25		
Mt. Herman	3 67	6 93	
Mt. Olive	1 60	15 76	
Pilgrim	2 10		
Pleasant Grove	2 15		
Pleasant Hill	3 00	14 50	
Poplar Springs		1 05	
Sulphur Springs	1 95	34 35	
Stony Point	5 80	47 55	
Smyrna	2 00		
Three Forks	2 55	11 31	9 00
Taylorsville	5 00	46 03	
Taylor Springs	2 05	10 52	
White Plains	1 95		
Zion Hill		27 50	
Associational Collection		14 60	
TOTALS	$37 55	$538 17	$20 00
Disbursements:			
T. L. Blalock, August 6, 1929		130 06	
To T. L. Blalock, Sept. 18, 1929		107 15	
To T. L. Blalock, Nov. 5, 1929		300 96	
TOTAL		538 17	
To the Orphanage		20 00	
To R. B. McLeod, Clerk		67 55	
TOTAL		$625 72	

Chas. E. Echerd, Treasurer.

TABLE 1.—CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

CHURCH	PASTOR AND POSTOFFICE	CLERK AND POSTOFFICE	When Constituted	Time of Preaching	Baptisms	Letters	Restoration	Dismissions	Letters	Deaths	Total
Antioch	J. L. Teague, Hickory, R 2	V. W. Teague, Taylorsville	1876	1&3	166	1	3		7	2	109
Bethany	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	E. E. Pool, Gilreath	1892	1	8	1	1	6	12		154
Bethel	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	S. C. Campbell, Taylorsville	1800	2	2	1	1		4	2	196
Bethlehem	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	V. W. Teague, Sr. Taylorsville	1871	1	5			1	5	1	256
Beulah											
Concord	F. E. Payne, Hudson	N. R. Martin, Stony Point, R 3	1852	1&3	6				2	2	244
Damascus	G. D. White, Statesville	Maggie McLain, Statesville	1839	1	10			1	11	2	203
Dover	S. I. Watts, Boomer	Fred Pennell, Taylorsville	1833	4	22			1	2	4	192
East Taylorsville	B. F. Peeler, Taylorsville	R. L. Chamberlain, Taylorsville	1924	2&4	12	15			3		113
Elizabeth	J. M. McAlpine, Stony Point	J. C. Painter, Charlotte		3	1	1			4		130
Fair View	L. E. Barnes, Taylorsville	T. L. Query, Hiddenite, R 1	1921	4	6						56
Gay's Chapel	J. M. McAlpine, Stony Point	J. D. Honeycutt, Elmwood		2	1				1	1	64
Hiddenite	C. C. Holland, Stony Point	J. W. Hendren, Hiddenite	1915	2		3			1	1	56
Island Ford											
Lebanon	S. I. Watts, Boomer	G. W. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	1884	2	2			6	1	1	99
Liledoun	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	C. A. Smith, Taylorsville, R 4	1906	2&4					1	1	168
Linney's Grove	G. D. White, Statesville	J. T. Baker, Hiddenite	1895	4	5			1	3		175
Little River	B. F. Peeler, Taylorsville	N. C. Deal, Taylorsville	1792	1						3	113
Macedonia	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	J. W. Fincannon, Taylorsville		2					1	3	144
Millersville		G. W. Safford, Taylorsville	1923	2	2	3			2	3	76
Mt. Hebron	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	C. C. Deal, Taylorsville	1915	4							90
Mt. Herman	T. E. Payne, Hudson	P. E. Johnson, Taylorsville	1912	4	4	3			5	2	168
Mt. Nebo	J. S. Stephenson, Taylorsville	C. A. Burgess, Stony Point		3	1						
Mt. Olive	S. I. Watts, Boomer	R. T. Lowe, Pores Knob	1865	1		2		1	1	1	166
Pilgrim	L. E. Barnes, Hiddenite	J. M. Querry, Hiddenite	1837	2	15		1		4	1	159
Pleasant Grove	L. E. Barnes, Hiddenite	J. I. W. Levan, Stony Point	1900	4	2					2	75
Pleasant Hill	L. E. Barnes, Hiddenite	F. E. Harrington, Taylorsville		1					2	1	134
Poplar Springs	S. I. Watts, Boomer	W. L. Russell, Taylorsville	1872	1	6	2	1		2	2	167
Sulphur Springs	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	S. F. Cook, Hiddenite	1867	3	8	2			1	1	184
Stony Point	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	W. Y. Ball, Stony Point	1909	1&3	10	15			9	4	236
Smyrna	C. C. Teague, Taylorsville	C. M. Cline, Taylorsville	1923	2&4	16	7		2	2		71
Three Forks	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville	1857	3	13	1		1	3	7	271
Taylorsville	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville	1851	2&4		1		1	3	1	265
Taylor Springs	J. W. Rash, Statesville	L. T. Younger, New Hope	1852	3	24	5	1	1	2	1	172
White Plains	J. W. Watts, Patterson	R. M. Grant, Taylorsville	1912	2	1	1	1		4	3	194

TABLE II—SUNDAY SCHOOL

Church	Superintendent—Postoffice	Officers and Teachers	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Baptisms from S. S.	Adults	Total	Average Attendance	Gifts
Antioch	R. S. Austin, Taylorsville	11	8	10	25	30	28	28	140	70	$ 67.85
Bethany	W. J. Moore. Gilreath								126		
Bethe l	Y. Yates Millsaps, Taylorsville								55		
Bethelhem	Arthur Hefner, Hickory R 2.	9	16	22	25	22	25	35	145	86	43.42
Concord	R. J. Metheson, Stony Point, R 3	5	5	15		10	18	20	70		10.00
Damascus	A. A. Leach, Statesville R 5.	5							55		10.52
Dover	Ed Mooney, Taylorsville R 4.	4		5	5	14	19	15	67		23.69
East Taylorsville	T. J. Forner, Taylorsville	6								48	
Elizabeth	J. .C. Painter, Charoltte	8							125	60	
Fair View	W. B. Hendren, Hiddenite	7							80	50	33.37
Gay's Chapel	Allen Starrette, Statesville	6	3	2					34	30	19.12
Hiddenite	J. H. Hendren Hiddenite	6		25		9	32	21		50	114.04
Lebanon	Leroy Sweet, Tayolrsville, R 2	6							50		
Liledoun	Perry Stafford, Taylorsville	4							60	40	3.40
Linney's Grove	J. W. McCurdy, Hiddenite	7								60	
Little River	T. C. Barnes, Taylorsville	8	5	7	9	6		10	36		15.64
Macedonia	J. W. Fincannon, Taylorsville										
Millersville	W. P. Smith, Taylorsville	5								45	
Mt. Herman	L. C. Echerd, Taylorsville	6	6	5	8	20		18	57	46	11 77
Mt. Olive	H. S. Deal, Pores Knob	7	12	10		15		24	78	40	20 73
Pilgrim	W. P. Fox, New Hope										
Pleasant Grove	L. S. Johnson, Stony Point	6	20		15			23	58		5.80
Pleasant Hill	J. G. Deal, Taylorsville R 3	4									
Poplar Springs	W. E. Crouch, Taylorsville	5									3.25
Sulphur Springs	A. Q. Patterons, Hiddenite	10	16	20	13	27	30	31	147	80	91.84
Stony Point	A. L. Watts, Stony Point	3	25	20	25	20	35	25	158	140	481.63
Smyrna	B. W. Teague, Taylorsville	7	14	3	10	9	7	10	72	46	
Three Forks	S. W. Rogers, Taylorsville	5								114	6 00
Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville	15	18	52	25	29	18	48	190	147	263.52
Taylor Springs	C. C. Redmond, New Hope	6					1		125	70	248.00
White Plains	G. L. Chatham, Taylorsville	7	6	5	6	12	10	20	59	44	25.17

TABLE—III

FINANCIAL

	Pastors Salary	Other Objects	Ministerial Help	Minute Fund	Total Local Church Expense	Gifts to Co-op. Program	Missions Orphanage, etc.	Missions	Orphanage	Grand Total	Value of Church Property
Antioch	200.00	342.53	50.00	3.00	594.53	50.00	$ 10.07	$	$	$ 654.60	$ 1,500.00
Bethany	225.00		35.85	2.35	263.20			42.53	12.35	318.59	800.00
Bethel	112.02		20.00	2.30	134.32			28.35	11.80	174.47	1,200.00
Bethlehem	120.00	103.62	37.36	1.40	260.98		43.78	22.03	16.70	349.97	2,000.00
Concord			30.00		30.00						2,000.00
Damascus		6.50	42.00	3.00	51.50			124.39	26.77	202.66	1,500.00
Dover	148.75		36.50	1.00	186.25		21.19			209.94	500.00
East Taylorsville	202.95	60.60	44.50	2.60	310.70					310.70	1,560.00
Elizabeth	187.27	158.00	49.66	3.33	398.26			62.00	20.00	480.26	
FairView	60.00	50.00	40.00	1.75	151.75	15.83	33.33			200.93	1,000.00
Hidenite	109.02	142.40		60	252.02	3.60		46.00	13.96	315.58	1,200.00
Lebanon	133.00			1.50	134.50			103.00		257.50	1,000.00
Liledoun	52.96	107.00		1.25	160.21				1.50	161.71	
Linney's Grove	120.50		55.00	1.40	176.90					176.90	800.00
Little River	89.74		22.25	95	112.94					112.94	1,000.00
Macedonia	71.75		40.50	2.45	127.20		12.50			139.70	1,000.00
Millersville	34.27		24.05	.75	59.02				23.08	82.10	3,000.00
Mt. Hebron	36.50			2.25	38.75					38.75	1,000.00
Mt. Herman	141.00	77.23	33.80	3.67	255.70			6.91	29.66	292.77	1,500.00
Mt. Olive	149.01		52.00	1.65	224.60			22.32	14.17	36.49	2,000.00
Pilgrim	60.00		24.00		84.00					84.00	1,000.00
Pleasant Grove	90.15		27.50	2.00	119.65		14.50			139.95	1,500.00
Pleasant Hill	87.95		20.00	3.00	110.95					110.95	1,000.00
Poplar Springs	133.87		15.30	1.05	150.22				3.25	153.47	750.00
Sulphur Springs	260.00	402.94	100.00	1.95	665.89			34.35	62.15	762.39	5,000.00
Stony Point	1144.00	312.00	84.00	5.80	1545.80		239.21			1,785.00	2,000.00
Smyrna	150.00	228.35	85.00	2.00	380.35	25.40				405.75	6,000.00
Three Forks	115.00	46.96	71.60	2.55	282.11			11.31	18.54	311.96	2,000.00
Taylorsville	610.50	261.96	68.02	8.00	947.78			59.71	64.31	1,071.80	8,000.00
Taylor Springs	74.00	158.00	53.00	2.00	287.00		20.02			306.52	2,125.00
White Plains	115.82	19.17	25.00	1.95				7.00	7.00	174.04	1,500.00
Total	$5,035.03	$2 476.86	$1.176 89	$67.50	$8.498.08	$94.83	$394.60	$569.90	$324.74	$10.823 29	$55.935 00

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Bethel ---------- L. E. Barnes

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Lebanon ---------- W. J. Bumgarner and E. V. Bumgarner

Linney's Grove ----------J. P. Gwaltney and W. E. Linney

Mt. Hermon ----------W. O. Johnson and C. W. Teague

Mt. Olive ---------- J. S. Stevenson

Sulphur Springs---------- W. T. Comer

Stony Point ---------- C. C. Holland

Taylorsville ---------- A. E. Watts

Taylor Springs ---------- D. C. Thompson and L. T. Younger

White Plains ---------- C. F. Friday

Licensed Ministers

Concord ---------- Jay Fox

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1930

11:00 A. M. The Association was opened by the choir singing a number of beautiful songs. Prayer by Elder J. W. Watts. Introductory Sermon by Elder C. C. Holland. text Romans 1:16.

INTERMISSION

1:00 P. M. The Association was called to order by the Moderator J. L. Gwaltney, prayer by Elder W. J. Bumgarner.

The following churches were enrolled with messengers as follows:

Antioch—Clarence Keller, Vance W. Teague.
Bethany—E. E. Pool, W. E. Hendren, J. A. Costner.
Bethel—S. C. Campbell, Christy Bentley, Floyd Barnette.
Bethlehem—T. B. Wagner, Tate H. Sherill, W. L. Starnes.
Concord—N. R. Martin, Jay Fox, R. J. Matheson.
Damascus—Maggie McLain, A. A. Leach, J. A. Leach.
Dover—Fred A. Pennell, R. W. Dula, A. C. White.
East Taylorsville—Robert Deal, T .H. Campbell, J. P. Brown
Hiddenite—J. W. Hendren, D. F. Milstead, J. A. Adams.
Lebanon—E. E. Kerley, Thomas Fergson, C. W. Bumgarner.
Liledoun—C. A. Smith, Jay Jenkins, Sue McAlpine.
Linney's Grove—J. F. Baker, J. C. Ford, A. E. Millsaps.
Little River—T. Z. Webster, Zephie Bumgarner, Charlie Robinette.

Macedonia—J. W. Fincannon, Pleas Smith, A. M. Stafford.
Millersville—G. W. Stafford, W. A. Thompson, J. B. Thompson.

Mt. Hebron—J. C. Clanton, V. C. Wike, David Wike.
Mt. Hermon—W. D. Johnson, L. C. Bowman, Clyde Teague.
Pleasant Grove—J. L. Childers, J. A. Hager, Troy Sloan.
Pleasant Hill—F. E. Harrington, Timothy Daniels, J. G. Deal.

Stony Point—D. W. Mayberry, A. L. Rufty, W. Y. Ball.

Smyrna—C. G. Fox, B. W. Teague, J. W. Perkins.

Taylorsville—A. C. Payne, J. M. Little, R. K. Moose.

Taylor Springs—D. L. Williams, J. M. Cass, T. L. Younger.

Three Forks—J. W. McLeod, W. V. Watts, Jeff Rogers.

White Plains—R. W. Grant, J. G. Blankenship, G. L. Chatham.

By motion of Elder A. E. Watts the present officers were elected by acclamation.

Moderator J. L. Gwaltney

Clerk R. B. McLeod

Historian H. S. Deal

Treasurer C. E. Echerd

On motion of Q. L. Fry the reading of letters was dispensed with. The following visitors were welcomed to seats by the Moderator J. W. Rash of South Yadkin, J. C. McGregory of Beaulah, W. W. Remmer of Cornelius and T. E. Payne of Caldwell.

The Association adopted the old order of business to wit.

9:30 A. M. Prayer service.
10:00 A. M. Business.
11:00 A. M. Sermon.
12.00 Noon Intermission
1:00 P. M. Business.
Adjourn at will.

Motion of Q. L. Fry to have a two day session instead of four was over ruled by the Moderator as out of order. The Moderator appointed a Nominating Committee consisting of W. J. Bumgarner, Q. L. Fry and A. E. Watts, and asked them to report at once on length of time of next Association.

The report on Fundamental Doctrines was called and read by Elder W. T. Comer discussed by W. T. Comer and adopted as follows:

FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES

By the term Fundamental Doctrines we mean fundamental doctrines, those great docrinal truths which underiles and support true Christanity, in the Bible these are called foundations, (if the foundation be destroyed what can the righteous do.) Some of these foundamentals are (1) The importance of the Scripture. (2) The Divinity of Christ. (3) The power of His atonment. (4) Man's depraved condition. (5) The necessity of genuine Repentance.. (6) The importance of the New Birth. (7) The Dortrine of Mission. (8) The Docrine of Hell. We believe that if these great doctrines were kept before our people, religious conditions could be made better than they are.

W. T. Comer,
J. L. Teague

The special committee made a majority and a minority report as follows: Majority, The Association to continue with four days also to specify the hour and day for each subject. The Minority report to cut down to a two days session, was discussed pro and con. The hour came for special order, on motion was dispensed with till above questions was settled. A vote was taken on the minority report which was defeated.

The Moderator read the following report.

Nominations—W. J. Bumgarner, Q. L. Fry, and A. E. Watts.

Digest of Church letters— J. E. Chatham, and W. O. Johnson.

Finance—W. E. White and G. L. Chatham.

Religious Exercise—The Pastor and Messengers of White Plains Church.

The Report on Sunday Schools was called and read by Chairman Elder E. V. Bumgarner. Discussed by Elder E. V. Bumgarner, C. E. Echerd, W. E. White, Q. L. Fry, J. C . McGregory and adopted as follows.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School used to be defined as the Church at work, and as such, she deserves the moral support and fostering hand of all within her bounds.

We your committee regard the Sunday School as above defined as a mighty agency in God's Kingdom for enlightning our people and teaching them the "Way of the Lord more perfectly", and we rejoice in the progress made and the work accomplished by the schools in this Association, but we view with some degree of alarm the tendency to stop here. It has become no unusual thing to see quite a number of both children and adults leave when the Sunday School is over and not remain for the worship of the Church and the preaching of the gospel. Nothing we believe can take the place of preaching the gospel or supplant the Church in giving the gospel to the world. If the Sunday School is not to launch out independently of the Church, then it follows. That one stupendous task before her is to counter act the tendency by in some me way encourageing her members to respect the service of the church and the preaching of the gospel which is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth.

One other friendly criticism your committee would offer that is the oft misleading statement that a large percent of our baptisms are converts from the Sunday Schools. We admit that a good percent of our baptisms are pupils in the Sunday Schools, but so far as our Knowledge and observation have gone they all have been converted in the usual revival meetings conducted by the Church.

Respectfully submitted

E. V. Bumgarner

The report on missions was left over untill tomorrow.

Homes were assigned to the messengers.

Report on Religious Exercise, Prayer service J. W. Rash, 11:00 sermon by C. E. Reed, Dismissed by J. L. Teague.

FRIDAY MORNING NOVEMBER 7, 1930

The Association met as per adjournment. Prayer service by Elder J. W. Rash read Psalms 15.

10:00 A. M. Association called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by D. W. Pool.

Delinquent Churches was called for and the following were enrolled.

Gray's Chapel—J. B. Pool, M. H. Smith and Allen Stameth

Fair View—W. B. Hendren, N. T. Meadows and J. H. Cook.

Visiting Brethren were invited and R. Lee Davis of South Yadkin and A. C. Reed of Central Association were welcomed to seats by the Moderator.

Report on Missions was called and read by chairman C. C. Holland. Was discussed by Elder C. C. Holland, J. L. Teague and R. Lee Davis. The 11:00 o'clock hour having arrived the question was left open till the afternoon.

Sermon by Elder A. C. Reed, John 12:32.

1:00 P. M. Moderator called for delinquent Churches and Sulphur Springs and Pilgrim were enrolled.

Sulphur Springs—Daniel Gwaltney, T. G. Teague and S. F. Cook.

Pilgrim—J. M. Querry, J. T. Briton and Cleve Queen.

Visiting Brethren were invited and J. F. Spainhour and E. M. Hairfield were welcomed to seats by the Moderator.

The question of Missions was farther discussed by Bro. J. F. Sainhour and adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

Two great inclusive words reveal God's will for the ages. The first of these is Redemption the second Missions. From the eternities God has been planning for the redemption of man. His great plan will be consumated as we carry redemption to every son of Adam's race. To accomplish this it will behove us, "To lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes", Isaiah 54:2. To effectully lengthen the cords we must first strengthen the stakes. This will involve attention at home in making secure the base, by the evangelization of our own State fifty percent of which is out of Christ. Then comes the great task of training and teaching, "And all the children shall be taught of the Lord and great shall be the peace of thy children" Isaiah 54:13. But to stop her is tragedy, without lengthening the cords the stakes become meaningless and useless, and we shall become afflicted with the dry rot as Judisim of old and perish of our own corruption.

In Christ we have a message for the whole world. We can not stop in China either for we have a message for every Nation, Japan, India, Africa and South America and other, no matter what their previous religion, racial, characteristics or educational status.

The Southern Baptists had in the year 1929 in their foreign mission fields 1,392 churches with 147,648 members. These baptized in one year 12,246 converts a little more than a 1,000 a month.

In all quarters of the world there is arising most challenging situations. We see riding from every direction unmistakeable evidence of radical changes in the thought and attitude of the people. Some are turning away from old forms and religions to Atheism and indifference. Christianity is the solution. It is the only answer for every need of every individual of every age.

Oh!what a sublime task is ours, shall we continue in our lethargy and deadly indifference while the soul of Christ remains in travail for the sons of man? When shall He see the task consummated and the travail of His soul cease and He be satisfied?

Chas. C. Holland,
Committee.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

Fundamental Doctrines—C. C. Holland and E. E. Poole

Temperance and Law Enforcement—E. V. Bumgarner, E. W. Teague, Sr.

Church and Pastoral Relations—W. T. Comer and W. W. Rimmer.

Spiritual State of the Churches—J. W. Watts and D. C. Thompson.

Home and Foreign Missions— W. J. Bumgarner, J. W. Rash and J. L. Gwaltney.

Duties to the Poor—C. W. Teague, C. E. Echerd and J. E. Chatham.

Sunday Schools—J. L. Teague, W. E. White and S. F. Cook.

Evangelism—A. E. Watts and R. B. McLeod.

Giving its doctrine and practice—A. C. Payne and S. I. Watts.

Messengers to other Associations.

Brier Creek—T. L. Younger.

Caldwell— A. C. Payne.

South Yadkin—D. C. Thompson.

Brushy Mountain—H. S. Deal.

State Convention—A. C. Payne and A. E. Watts.

Southern Baptist Convention—C. E. Echerd.

Place Pleasant Hill.

To Preach introductory sermon—J. L. Teague, Alternate G. D. White.

Time of next meeting, Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1931.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Thursday

11:00 Sermon.
12:00 Intermission.
1:00 Organization
1:30 Evangelism.
2:30 Giving its doctrine and practice.
3:30 Miscellaneous.

Friday

9:30 Prayer Service.
10:00 Spiritual State of the Churches.
11:00 Sermon.
12:00 Intermission.
1:00 Home and Foreign Missions.
2:30 Sunday Schools.
3:30 Miscellaneous.

Saturday

9:30 Prayer Service.
10:00 Fundamental Doctrines.
11:00 Sermon.
12:00 Intermission.
1:00 Duties to the poor.
1:45 Temperance and law enforcement,
2:30 Miscellaneous.

Sunday.

11::00 Sermon.

A. E. Watts,

W. J. Bumgarner.

Committee.

By vote of the Association the time of meeting was changed back to Thursday before the second Sunday in October 1931.

Report on Church and Pastoral relations was read by Chairman Elder T. E. Payne. Was discussed by Elder T. E. Payne, and adopted as follows:

CHURCH AND PASTORIAL RELATIONS

The word of God is a perfect rule of faith and practice. It is not only profitable for doctrine, and reproof, and correction, but for perfect instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be thoroughly furnished unto all good works. Every station, and office has its corresponding duties. For instance, there are parental duties which devolve upon parents, and finally, upon children. There are pastoral duties, which devolve upon ministers of Jesus Christ; and there are necessary corresponding duties which devolve upon Christian Churches. To call your attention particularly to these is the object of the present occasion. Numerous are the passages which present this subject before you. The apostle to the Hebrews, Obey them which have the rule over you. Heb. 13:17 To the Phillippians the apostle says "Receive Him therefore in the Lord with all gladness; and hold such in reputation. He is still more explicit in these: And we beseech you, brethern to know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you".

The work of the minister. Paul says in 1, Cor. 16:10, See that he may be with you without fear; for he worketh the work of the Lord, as I also do. The Christian minister is called to his office by the Lord.

First: His work is solemn. Connected with the mind, spirit, and the undying souls of men, all that is momentious in time and eternity.

Second: It is responsible, He is but a servant steward and must give an account of his work to God. That responsibility contends with the eternal destiny of those under his care. The blood of souls will be required at his hands if he be faithless.

Third: The duty of the Church with respect to him. He is to be with you without fear. 1, Cor. 16:10. In order to this, (1) Supply his pecuniary need, and let him not fear as to his temporal support. If he is fully engaged in providing for you spiritual things, how reasonable that you should supply him with needful temporal things. (2) Show him that he has favor in your eyes; that he is planted deeply in your regards; that you receive him as from God, and honor and love him as such.

Fourth: Be regular in your attendance on the means of grace, and let him not fear as to the acceptance of his ministry among you. If it's his to study and prepare, it is yous to be present and receive what he has prepared for you.

Fifth: United with him in every holy enterprise. He may do a little by him self so did Moses during Israel's engagements with Amalek, but he like Moses may fail unless you hold up his hands.

Sixth: Exhibit the Holy fruits of his labors, Live the sermons he preaches. Let us conclude, by just naming a few motives, why he should be with you without fear.

1. His own comfort. If he is with you in fear, he cannot be happy, and an unhappy pastor cannot do his work well.

2. Your own profit. He cannot do you good without having your confidence, affection, esteem, he will be paralyzed. You will seek to be profited in vain.

3. The Churches welfare. A happy comfortable pastor is indispensable. Without it, the Church will have no attractions to those without, and no joy for those within:

4. Your accountableness to God. God will require you to answer for your treatment of your pastor. Act as in God's sight, and for his glory, so that you may meet him in the presence of the Lord Jesus with exceeding great joy. And now may the Lord God of our fathers bless both the Churches and pastors of this Association.

Respectfully submitted by your Committee.

T. E. Payne.

On motion Bro. R. D. Covington from Mills Home (or Thomasville Orphanage) was asked to talk on the Orphanage work. The report on duties to the poor to come up tomorrow. Took a collection for the Orphanage amount $17.43.

Report on Spirituality of the Churches was called and read by Chairman Elder J. W. Rash. Was discussed by Elder J. W. Rash, and E. I. Watts and adopted as follows.

REPORT ON SPIRITUALITY OF THE CHURCHES

We recommend that each individual christian in our Association read carefully prayerfully and obediently the 2nd and 3rd chapters of Revelations.

2. We herewith give three scriptural examples of good spiritual condition.

Barnabas—Full of the Holy Ghost and Faith Acts 11:24.

Stephen—Full of Faith and Power. Acts 6:8

Dorcas—Full of Good Works, and Alms Deeds. Acts 9:36.

3. The supreme need of the Churches is not more man made machinery, made after a worldly pattern however well it may seem to succeed, but more Christians entirely consecrated to the service of the Lord and filled with the Holy Spirit and Faith and Power and good works and alms and deeds.

Submitted.

J. W. Rash,
S. I. Watts.
Committee.

Report on Religious Exercise—Prayer service R. Lee Davis 11:00 A. M. Sermon by Elder S. I. Watts. Adjouned till Saturday morning 9:00.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8, 1930

The Association met as per adjournment. Prayer service R. L. Davis read 1st chapter of Psalms.

10:00 A. M. The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer service Elder S. I. Watts. Delinquent Churches was called for and Mt. Olive and Poplar Springs were represented by letters.

Report on Duties to the Poor was called an read by Chairman A. C. Payne. Discussed by A. C. Payne, Elder J. W. Bumgarner, S. I. Watts, E. V. Bumgarner, R. Lee Davis, and Bro. Jay Robinette and adopted as follows.

DUTY TO THE POOR

"Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee, turn not thou away." Mat. 5:42.

"When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethern, nor thy kinsmen, nor rich neighbors lest haply they also bid thee again, and recompense be made thee. But when thou makest a feast, bid the poor, the maimed the lame, the blind. " Luke 14:12-13.

"Blessed is he that considerth the poor; Jehovah will deliver him in the day of evil." Psalm 41:1.

Who stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry, but shall not be heard". Prov. 21:13.

These are injunctions from the Bible, and should enlist our most earnest consideration in dealing with the poor.

The President in concluding a recent statement after having appointed a committee to strengthen the organization of federal activities for employment during the winter, says, "As a nation, we must prevent hunger and cold to those of our people who are in honest difficulties."

It has been said that Oliver Wendell Holmes expressed the same idea, well, in his Yorktown oration about 50 years ago, when he said, "The poor must be wisely visited and liberally cared for, so that mendicity shall not be tempted into mendacity, nor want exasperated into crime."

It is with regret that we note a great many of our churches are not giving any thing to the Mills Home. We would urge every Sunday School within the bounds of this Association to take a monthly offering for this purpose. Let us not forget or neglect this great and important work being carried on at Thomasville. We hope and trust that reports by another year will show a hundred per cent contribution each month to the Mills Home.

Respectfully submited:

A. C. Payne.

Report on Temperance was called and read by Elder W. J. Bumgarner Discussed by Elder W. J. Bumgarner. The 11:00 hour for preaching the question was left open till afternoon. Sermon by Elder S. I. Watts, Text Numbers 16:48.

INTERMISSION

1:00 P. M. The report on Temperance was adopetd

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We your committee would submit the following. Temperance is the moderate use of all things necessary and the total abstinence of all things unnecessary. Some have concluded that in order to be temperate we must make a moderate use of all things whether necessary or not, and hence the expression "No Harm in a Dram" I answer none whatever if you let it alone. We look with alarm on the present tendency to do away with prohibition and bring back the saloon.

The man that has to pass the saloon four times a day going to and from his work, if he has a thirst for it, will drink much more than he would if he had to go and hunt it. Then the danger of meeting men crazed with drink will be so much if turned loose again.

Your Committee would recommend the course of the Shechamites as given in the Jermiah 35. The Father Jonadab had advised them to drink no wine for ever. Man does not need strong drink, it will grow on a man. Men ought not to smell it if they can help it (the pet tiger) Because of the Rechabites the Lord told them they should not want a man to stand before them forever. All men of business want sober young men in their business.

Yours,
W. J. Bumgarner

Report on Evangelism was called, the committee was not present Elder E. V. Bumgarner read the report of last year. It was very ably and forceably discussed by Elder E. V. Bumgarner and R. Lee Davis and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

The story of Evangelism is the specific history of the Cross of Christ. Great movements and revivals have made up much of its general history, but slowly and quietly through the years the Evangel has won as men and women have led fellow human beings to repentence and have by precept and example followed in the footsteps of their Lord.

The well springs of successful Evangelism are (1) A deep and abiding conviction that man by nature is lost and undone and a corresponding fullness in the Lord Jesus Christ for every defect in their own sinful nature. (2) Preach the Word Timothy was commended to do the work of an Evangelist and in doing it he was to , "Preach the Word" with all long suffering and doctrine. (3) To wait on the ever blessed Spirit to convict and to convert the soul.

If these methods fail we just as well leave men to their fate. A departure from these methods in modern Evangelism is filling our Churches with unregenerate thus paving the way for men of sin and the unpiting hand of persecution.

E. V. Bumgarner of the Committee

REPORT ON DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS

There are thiry-four Churches in this Association, thirty of which are represented at this session by letter these letters show:

Baptim	259
Deaths	51
Pastors salary	$4815.34
Value of Church property	$60,036.00
Church expenses	$1416.14
Minute fund	52.20
Sunday School enrollment	2,594
Sunday School expense	$563.67

There are some small amounts for Baptist Hospitals, and Co-op Program not taken in this Digest.

Report on Religious Exercise: singing at 10:30 A. M. Sermon by Elder E. V. Bumgarner followed by R. Lee Davis.

While there were only a small number of delegates present the following resolution of thanks was tendered to the people of White Plains Church for the hospitality given the Association, which every member accepted.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Be it resolved, that the Association extend to this church and the community a vote of thanks and appreciation for its gracious and generous hospitality, and the splended manner in which it has entertained the Association and for the abundant and good things to eat, and especially the bountiful table provided each day at the Church. We pray God's blessing upon the Church and community.

Collection for minutes was taken amount $4.80.

The Association adjourned to meet on Thursday before the second Sunday in October 1931 with Pleasant Hill Church. Dismissed by Elder W. J.Bumgarner.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9, 1930.

Met at 10:30 A. M. After singing a number of beautiful songs Elder E. V. Bumgarner preached, Text Jer. 6: 16. Followed by R. Lee Davis Text Romans 1:16. Took a collection for missions amount. $14.27.

HISTORY OF WHITE PLAINS CHURCH

Early in the summer of 1912 Mrs. Jane C. Campbell and Mrs Emma Adams cleaned off a place in the grove to have Sunday School, along what is now State highway No. 90, about midway between Hiddenite and Taylorsville. This was the beginning of White Plains Church.

On November 9th, 1912, A Presbytery composed of Elders, L. P. Gwaltney D. W. Pool and J. W. Watts, and Deacons J. E. Chatham J. W. Pharr and B. F. Patterson met and organized by electing Elder J. W. Watts chairman.

After the purpose of the meeting had been explained by Elder L. P. Gwaltney the chairman asked all who wished to join the organization to come forward. A roll call showed 55 who wished to join as charter members.

The first Deacons were W. C. Kerley, J. F. Adams, C. C. Mayberry J. A. Robinette, H. A. Childers and H. A. Pressley.

The following pastors have served the church since 1912. Rev. J. W. Watts 1912 to 1918. Rev G. Z. Bumgarner Jan. 1918 to the time of his death Feb. 1919. Rev. T. E. Payne, June 1919 to Sept. 1924. Rev A. W. Wilcox, 1924 to Sept. 1928. Rev J. W. Watts 1928 and is the pastor at the present time.

The following clerks have served the church C. F. Friday 1912 to 1917. J. L. Campbell 1917 to July 1821. J. A. Robinette 1921 to Jan. 1922. G. M. Grant Jan. 1922 to Sept. 1928. R. M. Gant 1928 and is the clerk at the present time.

The Church has a membership of 199 members.

Two ministers have been ordained Rev. J. A. Abernathy a missionary in China and Rev. C. F. Friday.

G. M. GRANT Historian

The following is a list of members who have died during the year as given by the church letters.

Antioch—Mrs. Myriah Medlock, Mr. T. L. Little, Miss Grayson White, and Mr. David Bowman.

Bethany—Mr. T. J. Tedder, Mr. N. F. Baker.
Bethel—J. W. Barnette.

Bethlehem—Mr. Joe Simmons, Mrs. Alma Benfield, Mrs. Sarah Mays.

Concord—Mrs. Isabella Gordan Gooden.

Dover—Mr. G. E. Harrington, Mrs. Sarah Murphy.

Fair View—Mrs. Orlie Cook.

Grey's Chapel—Elder J. M, McAlpine.

Lebanon—Deacon J. M. Fortner, Mr. William Watts.

Liledoun—Mrs. Sallie Austin.
Linney's Grove—Deacon J. C. McLain. Mr.Ezekiel Mitchel
Macedonia—Miss Harriet Gryder, Mrs. J. E. Chatham.

Millersville—Mrs. Nancy Stafford.

Mt. Olive—Deacon J. Partee Russell, Mrs. Almedia A. Pearson.

Mt. Nebo—Lilly Blankenship.
Pilgrim—Mr. W. R. Millsap, Mr. Willie Bolls.
Pleasant Grove—Miss M. K. Teague.
Pleasant Hill—Mrs. S. J. Childers, Mrs. Boston Hubbart.
Poplar Springs—Mr. Bryson Land, Mrs. Bell Robinette.
Sulphur Springs—Mr. J. Will Lackey, Mr. Clyde M. Davis

Mr.s. Nancy Lackey, Mr. W. J. Davis.

Stony Point—Mr. J. A. Smith, Mrs. J. A. Smith.

Taylorsville—Mr. Parks Ray, Mrs. Thomas Watts, Mrs. L. W. Robinette.

Taylor Springs—Mr. T. V. Wilcox, Mr. J. P. Williams, Miss Lula Redman.

Three Forks—Mr. T. R. Burgess, Mr. Son Steel, Mr. Chas. E. Childers, Mrs. G. C. Herman, Deacon J. C. Chapman.

White Plains—Mrs. T. A. Presslar, Mrs. Walter Adams, Mrs. Charlie Hoves.

The following is a record of funds that have passed throught my hands as Associational Treasurer. Most of the Orphanage funds have been sent direct to the Orphanage as they should be. Some of the Mission Contributions were sent direct to Brother Blalock and all Co-operative Program funds were sent direct by the church Treasurers.

Please get mission funds into my hands as soon as possible after they are collected, so I may have something to send all along through the year.

TREASURERS REPORT Receipts for this Associational year as follows:	Minute Fund	Missions	Orphanage
Antioch	$ 1.00		
Bethany	2.59	$32.45	
Bethel	2.05	19.10	
Bethlehem	2.35	21.85	
Concord	1.00	5.70	
Damascus	2.25	22.81	
Dover	1.00		
East Taylorsville	1.40	20.20	
Fair View	1.50	25.16	
Gay's Chapel	.60	1.00	1.00
Hiddenite	2.30	10.50	
Lebanon	2.05	53.00	
Liledoun	1.35		
Linney's Grove	2.40	50.03	
Little River	.75		
Macedonia	2.06		
Millersville	1.05		
Mt. Hermon	.90		
Mt. Hebron	1.80		
Mt. Olive	1.90	18.82	
Pilgrim	2.35		
Pleasant Grove	2.35	16.00	
Pleasant Hill	2.00		7.00
Popular Springs	.30		
Sulphur Springs	3.00	71.42	1.25
Stony Point	5.00	23.59	
Stony Point Sunday School		50.26	
Smyrna	2.00		
Three Forks	2.25	11.65	
Taylorsville	5.00	70.44	
Taylor Springs	2.00	12.80	
White Plains	2.30	23.41	
Zion Hill		28.38	
Cub Creek, Br. Mt. Ass'n		6.00	
Mrs. P. B. Pennell		5.00	
Collections at Association	4.80	14.27	
TOTAL	$65.65	$613.84	$9.25
Disbursements:			
To T. L. Blalock, April 10, 1930		148.57	
To T. L. Blalock, August 11, 1930		233.86	
To T. L. Blalock, Dec. 11, 1930		231.41	
To the Orphanage			9.25
To R. B. McLeod, Clerk	65.65		
TOTAL	$65.65	$613.84	$9.25

Chas. E. Echerd, Treasurer.

TABLE 1.—CHURCH AND POSTOFFICE

CHURCH	PASTOR AND POSTOFFICES	CLERK AND POSTOFFICE	When Constituted	Time of Preaching	Baptisms	Letters	Restorations	Dismissions	Letters	Deaths	Totals
Antioch	J. L. Teague, Hickory R. 2	Vance W. Teague, Taylorsville	1826	1& 3	20	3	6	0	8	4	125
Bethany	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	E. E. Poole, Gilreath	[illegible]2	1	21	8	3	3	5	2	176
Bethel	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	S. C. Campbell, Taylorsville	1900	3	13	0	1	0	11	1	203
Bethlehem	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	V. W. Teague, Taylorsville	1871	1	13	0	0	0	6	3	259
Concord	C. W. Teague, Hickory	N. R. Martin, Stony Point R. 3	1852	1&3	0	0	0	0	8	1	233
Damascus	G. D. White, Statesville, R. 5	Maggie McLain, StatesvilleR. 2	1839	1	2	1	0	0	2	1	203
Dover	S. I. Watts, Boomer	Fred A. Pennell, Taylorsville	1833	4	16	2	0	0	10	2	199
East Taylorsville	C. C. Holland, Stony Point	R. L. Chamberlain, Taylorsville	1924	1	13	14	0	0	0	0	140
Fair View	G. D. White, Statesville, R. 5	T. L. Query, Hiddenite.	1922	4	11	2	0	0	2	1	66
Gay's Chapel	C. F. Friday, Taylorsville	Z. N. Pool, Elemwood, R. 1		3	2	4	0	0	3	0	45
Hiddenite	C. C. Holland, Stony Point	J. W. Hendren, Hiddenite	1915	2	0	7	0	0	1	0	64
Leabnon	S. I. Watts, Boomer	G. W. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	1884	2	3	0	0	0	3	1	99
Liledoun	S. I. Watts, Boomer	C. A. Smith, Taylorsville, R. 4	1906	2&4	32	5	0	2	9	1	188
Linney's Grove	G. D. White, Statesville, R. 5	J. F. Baker, Hiddenite	1395	4	5	0	0	0	8	2	171
Little River	W. E. Linney, Wilkesboro	N. C. Deal, Taylorsville	1792	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	118
Macedonia	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	J. W. Fincanon, Taylorsville		2	00	0	0	0	[illegible]	2	140
Millersville	W. W. Rimmer, Cornelius	P. E. Johnson, Taylorsville, R. 4	1923	1&3	7	19	0	0	4	1	96
Mt. Hermon	S. I. Watts, Boomer	J. H. Faircloth, Taylorsville	1912	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	165
Mt. Olive	C. C. Holland, Stony Point	R. T. Lowe, Pores Knob, R. 2	1865	1	8	4	0	0	0	2	175
Mt. Nebo	J. S. Stevenson, Taylorsville	C. A. Burgess, Stony Point, R. 3		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Mt. Hebron	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	C. C. Deal, Taylorsville	1914	4	8	0	0	0	2	0	98
Pilgrim	L. E. Barnes, Hiddenite	J. M. Query, Hiddenite		2	3	0	0	0	1	2	159
Pleasant Grove	L. E. Barnes, Hiddenite	Troy Sloan, Stony Point	1900	4	8	0	0	0	2	0	98
Pleasant Hill	L. E. Barnes, Hiddenite	F. E. Harrington, Taylorsville	1852	1	13	0	1	0	3	2	140
Popular Springs	S. J. Watts, Boomer	W. L. Rusell, Taylorsville, R. 1	1872	1	2	4	0	0	3	2	168
Sulphur Springs	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	S. F. Cook, Hiddenite	1867	3	0	4	0	0	3	4	187
Stony Point	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	W. Y. Ball, Stony Point,	1909	1&3	5	7	1	1	9	3	286
Smyrna	C. W. Teague, Hickory	C. M. Cline, Taylorsville, R. 1	1923	2&4	14	6	1	0	4	0	88
Taylorsville	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville	1851	2&4	17	7	0	0	3	4	279
Taylors Springs	G. D. White, Statesville, R. 5	D. L. Williams, New Hope	1852	3	13	5	0	1	0	3	186
Three Fork	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville, R. 4	1857	3	12	0	0	0	5	5	273
White Plains	J. W. Watts, Patterson,	R. M. Grant, Taylorsville, R. 2	1912	2	3	0	0	1	2	3	196

TABLE 11—SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCH	SUPERINTENDENT & POSTOFFICE	Officers and Teachers	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Totals	Average Att.	Baptisms From S. S.	Gifts From S. S.
Antioch	Clarence Keller, Taylorsville, R. 4	10	15	14	29	24	16	36	145	71	15	$ 27.50
Bethany	F. B. Hendren, Pores Knob	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	128	78		
Bethel	S. C. Campbell, Taylorsville R. 3											
Bethlehem	A. O. Hefner, Hickory	11	5	18	20	20	22	34	119	61	9	50.45
Concord	R. J. Matheson, Stony Point, R. 3	6	8	10	10	20	15	22	91			12.00
Damascus	A. A. Leach Statesville, R. 5	5	0	0	0	0	00	0	67	32	2	14.44
Dover	Ed Mooney, Taylorsville, R. 4	2	8	10	10	12	10	15	65	20		
East Taylorsville	T. J. Fortner, Taylorsville									50		60.71
Fair View	W. B. Hendren Hiddenite, R. 1	6								75	9	16.38
Gay's Chapel	A. G. Stewart, Elemwood	5	10	8	0	15		8	40	30		
Hiddenite	J. W. Hendren, Hiddenite	8	30	7	7	19	16	22	109	66		020.50
Lebanon	S. G. Sweet, Taylorsville, R. 2	5							50			
Liledoun	J. A. Webester, Taylorsville, R. 2	4								70	20	14.66
Linney's Grove	Howard Ford, Hiddenite	7							57	47	2	13.36
Little River	T. Z. Webester, Taylorsville, R. 2	7	7		18	14	13	12	64	40		12.23
Millersville	J. H. Faircloth, Taylorsville, R. 1	8	22	19			13	25		79		15.41
Mt. Hermon	L. C. Stafford, Taylorsville, R. 4	6	3	6	8	20		12	60	45		10.50
Mt. Olive	H. S. Deal, Pores Knob, R. 2	7	11	10		16		26	69	43	7	28.10
Pilgrim	W. R. Fox, New Hope	3							160	45	14	
Pleasant Grove	L. S. Johnson, Stony Point	8		16		12		40	76			5.53
Poplar Springs	W. C. Walker, Taylorsville, R. 2	4							35			
Sulphur Springs	S. F. Cook, Hiddenite	10	15	6	17		52	23	123	90		72.81
Stony Point	A. L. Watts, Stony Point	9	15	17	30	20	25	60	167	145		90.00
Smyrna	B. W. Teague, Taylorsville, R. 4	13	30	9	20	17	12	21	122	70	12	21.95
Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville	13	37	42	58	48	27	77	290	146	16	121.04
Tavlor Springs	C. C. Redmon, New Hope	6							125	65		
Three Forks	S. W. Rogers, Taylorsville, R. 2	8							120	70	5	6.00
White Plains	G. L. Chatham, Taylorsville, R. 2	8	8	8	14	9	15	20	84	54	2	30.56
Total		177	229	200	242	266	241	453	2346	1492	132	$ 644.13

TABLE—III

FINANCIAL

CHURCH

CHURCH	Pastors Salary	Other Objects	Ministerial Help	Minute Fund	Total Local Church Expense	Gifts To Co-op Program	Missions	Orphanage	Grand Total	Value of Church Property
Antioch	200.00	20.00	52.00	1.00	272.00	40.22	8.00	22.50	342.58	1500.00
Bethany	200.46		43.87	2.59	246.92		32.45	15.51	294.88	800.00
Bethel	108.00	112.30	25.00	2.05	247.35		18.40	6.35	272.10	1200.00
Bethlehem	180.00	92.35	64.75	2.35	339.45		26.85	15.45	381.75	2000.00
Concord	130.00	85.70	28.00	1.00	244.70		5.70	6.85	257.85	2500.00
Damascus	125.00	5.50	40.67	2.25	174.62		106.06	20.75	301.53	1500.00
Dover	126.77		22.29	1.00	149.96			53.19	284.19	500.00
East Taylorsville	154.04	26.50	61.17	1.40	141.71		22.50	30.57	194.78	1600.00
Fair View	50.00	75.00	37.50	1.50	180.08		25.16	21.04	226.83	1000.00
Gay's Chapel				60	60		1.00	1.00	2.60	1500.00
Hiddenite	204.47	544.07	17.56	2.30	768.40	21.70	16.84	28.50	861.34	5311.07
Lebanon	000.00	00.00	00.00	2.05	2.05		65.07	00.00	67.12	1000.00
Liledoun	113.69	00.00	00.00	1.35	115.04		00.00	00.00	115.04	
Linney's Grove	000.00	45.76	27.00	2.40	70.16		50.00	12.00	132.16	1000.00
Little River	66.00	00.00	17.16	0.75	84.51		00.00	00.00	84.51	1000.00
Macedonia	73.02	00.00	26.00	2.06	99.02		00.00	00.00	99.02	
Millersville	89.15	00.00	00.00	1.05	90.20		00.00	10.75	100.95	3000.00
Mt. Hermon	91.80	12.59	00.00	0.90	105.29		00.00	00.00	105.29	1500.00
Mt. Olive	187.44	374.25	35.00	1.90	598.59	9.85	19.15	63.25	690.81	2000.00
Mt. Hebron	29.50	00.00	25.00	1.80	56.05		00.00	00.00	56.05	1000.00
Pilgrim	00.00	00.00	17.35	2.35	19.20		00.00	6.35	25.55	1000.00
Pleasant Grove	108.75	00.00	30.00	2.35	141.10		37.00	11.00	189.10	1500.00
Pleasant Hill	60.00	189.00	30.00	2.00	281.00		00.00	00.00	281.00	1000.00
Poplar Springs	72.12	00.00	10.30	0.30	82.72		00.00	00.00	82.72	750.00
Sulphur Springs	256.15	387.96	00.00	3.00	647.11		62.11	31.06	740.38	3500.00
Stony Point	1018.00	16.25	101.00	5.00	1120.55		73.93	120.57	1212.75	2000.00
Smyrna	150.00	00.00	63.00	2.00	215.95		00.00	00.00	215.95	6000.00
Taylorsville	605.58	00.00	235.01	5.00	966.63	5.00	70.44	80.55	1112.62	8000.00
Taylor Springs	81.38	48.00	53.12	2.00	184.40		12.80	11.50	233.10	2135.00
Three Forks	88.59	12.24	44.50	2.25	145.58		12.55	12.78	170.91	2000.00
White Plains	131.67	40.90	29.91	2.15	204.75		23.21	16.51	244.47	1500.00
Total	$4701.58	$2088.37	$1136.86	$60.70	$7995.69	$76.77	689.22	598.83	9379.93	69,296.07

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Liledoun ---------- J. L. Rufty
Linney's Grove ---------- J. P. Gwaltney and W. E. Linney
Mt. Hermon ---------- W. O. Johnson
Mt. Olive ---------- J. S. Stevenson
Stony Point ---------- C. C. Holland and W. T. Comer
Taylorsville ---------- A. E. Watts
Three Forks ---------- Levi W. Teague
White Plains ---------- C. F. Friday
Taylor Springs ---------- L. T. Young and D. C. Thompson

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY THURSDAY OCTOBER 8, 1931

11:00 a. m. The Association was opened by the choir singing "All Hail The Power" prayer by Elder C. C. Holland. Introductory sermon by Elder J. L. Teague, Text Luke 20:4.

INTERMISSION

1:00 p. m. The Association was called to order by the Moderator J. L. Gwaltney. Prayer by Elder Calaway Meadows.

The following churches were enrolled.
Antioch—H. B. Oxford, R. L. Jarvis, Wayne Austin.
Bethany—E. E. Pool, F. C. Gwaltney, J. P. Davis.
Bethel—S. C. Campbell, J. M. Barnette, J. L. Smith.
Concord—Claud Gant, R. J. Matheson, N. R. Martin.
Damascus—R. N. Sloan, J. A. McLain, Maggie McLain.
Dover—Fred A. Pennell, W. D. Mooney, Linney White.
East Taylorsville—J. A. Childers, T. J. Fortner, J. S. Baker.
Fair View—J. W. Querry, John Cook, Tom Meadows.
Hiddenite—J. P. Hendren, D. F. Milstead, Leach Gooden.
Lebanon—W. J. Bumgarner E. E. Kerley, G. W. Bumgarner.
Liledoun—C. A. Smith, N. A. Fox, Pleas Jenkins.
Little River—T. Z. Webster, J. T. Rogers, N. C. Deal.
Millersville—J. H. Faircloth, G. W. Stafford, L. A. Stafford.
Mt. Hermon—P. E. Johnson, L. C. Echerd, W. D. Johnson.
Mt. Olive—Eula Deal, L. B. Lowe, Ray Rogers.
Mt. Hebron—C. C. Deal, Ray Clanton, Rasal Clanton.
Pleasant Grove—Troy Sloan, J. C. Goforth, L. S. Johnson.
Pleasant Hill—Jeffie Daniels, J. Marion Childers, S. J. Harrington.
Poplar Springs—By letter.
Stony Point—W. T. Comer, C. L. Parker, David Stewart.
Taylorsville—A. C. Payne, G. B. Pennell, W. O. Bowman.

Taylor Springs—D. L. Williams, P. A. Williams, J. M. Cass.
Three Forks—J. W. McLeod.
White Plains—R. M. Grant, G. L. Chatham, J. A. Robinette.

On motion of Elder W. J. Bumgarner the following officers were elected by acclamation.

Moderator, J. L. Gwaltney
Clerk, R. B. McLeod
Historian, G. L. Chatham
Treasure, C. E. Echerd.

The following visiting brethren were welcomed to seats by the Moderator, Elder R. D. Covington from the Mills Home, Callaway Meadows of the Brushy Mountain Association, T. E. Payne of Caldwell and J. W. Rash of Yadkin.

By motion of Elder A. E. Watts the reading of letters was dispensed with.

The Association adopted the following order of business, to wit:

9:30 Prayer meeting.
10:00 Business.
11:00 Sermon
12:00 Intermission.
1:00 Business.
Adjourned at will.

The report on Evangelism was called and read by Elder A. E. Watts, chairman, was very forceable discussed by Elder A. E. Watts, J. W. Rash, C. F. Friday and adopted as follows:

"EVANGELISM"

The mission of Jesus Christ was to "Seek and Save" the lost. His Spirit was one of compassionate anxiety that all be saved. Evangelism then to us should mean the "Winning" of others to Christ.

Evangelism has ever been our strongest fort and we should put our "First and greatest effort" on Evangelism. All our work depends upon our consecration to this great task. We need to get in earnest about the salvation of our people and anchor "Anew" our faith in the doctrine that our "First duty" as individual christians and as churches is to Evangelize the lost.

We must say we have little patience with or faith in much of our modern evangelism, which from our point of view seeks to count numbers instead of "quality", and therefore your committee would urge the use of old time methods. Oh! how we need the "Power of old time Preaching", the "Effect of old time Praying", the "Influence of old time Godly Living and Consecration", which caused the unsaved to see their lost and condemned condition and to receive "A full application of old time Grace" in their heart and life.

If we would be successful in our Evangelistic efforts, we must have.

(1) A Faithful Ministry.
(2) A Consecrated and Devoted Membership.
(3) A firm conviction of the value of a soul and feel alarmed over the danger of our people who know not God.
(4) A deep and abiding Conviction that man by nature is lost and condemned to Hell and that Jesus and Jesus alone is the only remedy for our unconverted people.
(5) Much earnest prayer and expectation, from both pastor and people for the conviction and conversion of sinners.
(6) A zealous effort made for the salvation of all who have not already "Repented and Believed" on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Who should be interested in Evangelism? All of us who love the Lord Jesus Christ. Preachers, Deacons, Leaders, Sunday School Officers and teachers, parents. "All of us". Every member.

Last year in the minutes, reported baptisms were 267, which shows us that it took about 20 of us a whole year to "Lead one soul" to the Lord Jesus Christ. It should not be so.

What we need is the Spirit of Christ. May we pray for His Spirit and be enabled to put "Evangelism first."

Respectfully submitted,
A. E. Watts,
R. B. McLeod,
Committee.

GIVING ITS DOCTRINE AND PRACTICE

The report on Giving Its Doctrine and Practice was called and read by A. C. Payne, Chairman. Was discussed by A. C. Payne, and S. I. Watts, and adopted. The following is the report:

This being the first time this question has been before this Association in its present form, your committee is not prepared to report upon any concrete facts as to the status of the situation to which the subject will lead. It does seem to your committee however, that there is an abundance of authority in the Bible to warrant a reasonable insistence that our people give more each year to the work of the church. We note with regret that the contributions for the past year have not been up to the same period in former years.

We hope that the placing of this subject upon the program of the Association will be of mutual benefit to all and that a true spirit of giving will be engendered in the hearts and minds of the members of the churches.

God is the great giver. He neither buys nor sells, but He gives unceasingly. Is it not the very essence of His nature to

give? And the more he gives, the richer we become. "He himself giveth to all life, and breath and all things" Acts 17:25. "He gave you from Heaven rains and fruitful seasons, filling your hearts with food and gladness". Acts 14:17. And He that spared not His own son but delivered Him up for us all, how shall he not also freely give us all things?" Romans 8:32.

None need be at any loss regarding directions as how to give, seeing that the Scriptures are so explicit in the matter. We are to give.

1. Unostentatiously, Matt. 6:3. 2. Cheerfully—2 Cor. 9:7 3. Liberally—Proverbs 11:25. 4. Sacrificially—2 Sam. 24:24 5. Systematically and proportionately—1 Cor. 16:2.

Respectfully sumbitted,
A. C. Payne,
S. I. Watts.

THE MODERATOR READ THE FOLLOWING REPORT

Nominations: W. J. Bumgarner, A. E. Watts, and E. E. Pool.

Digest of Church Letters: J. L. Chatham, W. O. Johnson and J. S. Baker.

Finance: C. E. Echerd, A. C. Payne and T. Z. Webster.

Religious Exercise: Pastor and Messengers of Pleasant Hill Church.

Elder R. D. Covington made an interesting talk on the Orphanage. Took a collection for the Mills Home Orphanage amount $17.62.

Homes were assigned the Messengers.

Religious Exercise for tomorrow: Prayer service W. O. Johnson, Sermon, A. E. Watts.

Adjourned till 9:30 Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING OCTOBER 9, 1931

The Association met as per adjournment. Prayer service by Elder W. O. Johnson, read part of Romans 2.

10:00 a. m. Association called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Elder J. L. Rufty.

Delinquent Churches were called for and the following were enrolled:

Macedonia—By Letter.
Linney's Grove—J. F. Baker, J. F. Bowles, C. J. Gwaltney.

Visiting brethren were invited and welcomed to seats by the Moderator; J. W. Bowles of South Yadkin, and S. A. Mitchell of Brier Creek Association.

The report on Spirituality of the churches was called. The Committee not being present the Clerk read the report which was sent in. Was discussed by Elder S. I. Watts, L. R. Sloan, Calaway Meadows, W. T. Comer, J. W. Bowles and J. L. Teague and adopted as follows.

1st: We deplore the fact that the Spirtuality of the churches is very low. This may be caused by many human efforts instead of depending on the power of God.

2nd: Trying to become like other Churches. Everything is of a cut and dried conventional style.

3rd: Churches need and want a revival and they look to outside help or source for that revival. When they need to utilize their own possibilities, and seeking God for the blessing needed.

We have preachers and church members who are over anxious and will seemingly go ahead of the spirit, filling up our churches with unregenerated members and think that there must be conversion without conviction, but let us never forget the words of our Lord who said "No man can come to me except the Father which hath sent me draw him: And I will bare him up at the last day". John 6:44.

4th: Another cause for spiritual weakness is in the lack of family altars and home religion.

5th: Another cause is in the irregularity with which church members attend church there are about one-third of the church members that attend church with some degree of regularity. They do not read their Bibles and pray at home but get in their automobiles and ride away from their churches when the bells are ringing some fishing, some to summer resorts, some to swimming pools and the Lord knows where the rest of them go.

6th: The lack of loyalty to the church in a financial way will show that about all the moneys that are paid into the churches are paid by the small percent of thirty-five out of the hundred. Then the church needs money and must have it, they resort to worldly methods to get it: Ice cream suppers cold suppers and hot dog suppers. No church can hope for the power of God to rest upon them while they bring His house down on the level with the world.

7th: But very few churches produce their own ministers, but are depending upon other churches to supply them with ministers. It is not often that we hear any more the prayer that was voiced on the lips of our fathers: Lord the harvest is great, the labors are few, send forth more labors into thy vineyard. Let us all pray and labor to get back to the old time landmarks set by our fathers.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

L. T. Younger.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

Report on Nomintions as follows:

Spiritual State of the Churches—W. T. Comer. J. S. Stephenson, J. W. Rash.

Home and Foreign Missions—A. E. Watts, E. E. Pool, D. C. Thompson.

Fundamental Doctrines—S. I. Watts, S. F. Cook.

Giving its doctrine and practice—E. V. Bumgarner, J. W. Watts, C. E. Echerd.

Duties to the poor—J. W. Bumgarner, J. L. Gwaltney.

Sunday Schools—C. C. Holland, W. O. Johnson, J. E. Chatham.

Evangelism—C. W. Teague, L. E. Barnes, C. F. Friday.

Temperance and Law Enforcement—J. L. Teague, R. B. McLeod.

Church and Pastorial Relations—A. C. Payne. G. D. White.

MESSENGERS TO OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

Brier Creek—D. C. Thompson.
Caldwell—A. C. Payne.
South Yadkin—L. T. Younger.
Brushy Mountain—J. L. Gwaltney.
State Convention—C. E. Echerd, C. C. Holland.
Southern Baptist Convention—A. E. Watts, A. C. Payne.
Place—Sulphur Springs.

To preach introductory sermon—S. I. Watts, Alternate C. W. Teague.

Time of next meeting Wednesday before second Sunday in October, 1932, lasting through the following Friday.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR 1932 ASSOCIATION

Wednesday

11:00 Sermon
12:00 Intermission
1:00 Organization
1:30 Duties to the poor
2:15 Home and Foreign Missions
3:15 Miscellaneous

Thursday

9:30 Prayer Service
10:00 Evangelism
11:00 Sermon
12:00 Intermission
1:00 Giving its doctrine and practice
1:45 Fundamental Doctrines
2:30 Temperance and Law Enforcement
3:15 Miscellaneous

Friday

9:30 Prayer Service
10:00 Spiritual State of the Churches
11:00 Sermon
12:00 Intermission
1:00 Sunday Schools
1:45 Churches and Pastoral Relations
2:30 Miscellaneous.

Respectfully submitted,
W. J. Bumgarner,
E. E. Poole,
A. E. Watts.
Committee.

11:00 a. m. Sermon by Elder A. E. Watts, text Matt. 3:11.

Intermission.

1:00 p. m. Moderator called for delinquent churches. The following were enrolled.

Belthlehem—R. Lee Teague, Theodore Wagner, Howard Teague.
Gay's Chapel—W. G. Ellis, Z. W. Pool, C. B. Venson.
Mt. Nebo—C. A. Burgess, W. P. Blankenship, J. T. Christopher.
Smyrna—Parks Icenhour, R. S. Fox, C. L. Bowman.
Sulphur Springs—C. Y. Teague.

Visiting brethren were invited and welcomed to seats by the Moderator, to wit:

Perry Morgan from Raleigh and George J. Burnette from Memphis, Tennessee.

Report on Home and Foreign Missions was called and read by W. J. Bumgarner, chairman, was discussed by Elder W. J. Bumgarner, J. W. Rash, Perry Morgan and George J. Burnette and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON MISSIONS

God's message to every unsaved person is come to Christ and be saved. His message to every saved person is go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, teaching them to observe all things whatsovere I have commanded you. Therefore every child of God should be a Missionary. The command to go in the power of the Spirit, in the Fullness of Christ. How shall we get preachers? The Savior saith unto His disciples the harvest truly is plenteous but the labors are few, pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He will send laborers into His harvest. Matt. 9:37-38 and Luke 10:2.

Some years ago I remember it appeared that there was likely to be a drought in the ministery and a committee was ap-

pointed to visit the schools and look out bright young men and induce them if possible to enter the ministery. How different from the inducement used to induce Paul to take up the work. Paul felt "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel".

This Association is committeed to Bro. Blalock. He is faithful to the work and is doing as much as the average missionary to save men. Why is a soul saved by Bro. Blalock as good as those saved by the Board? We have an Orphanage at Camden, Tenn., run by one, Bro. Paschal, I do not remember the number of children in it but if you will read the Forerunner it will tell you by and by the number. We also have a Home Missionary in the person of Bro. R. Y. Blalock in Oragon, I do not remember now the location.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. Bumgarner.

Report on Sunday Schools was called and read by Elder J. L. Teague chairman. Was discussed by Elder J. L. Teague and Perry Morgan and adopted.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Our churches organized to teach the word of God to both young and old, both the believer and the unbeliever is an activity of the church recognized in our day as the Sunday School. We believe that there is abundant authority in scripture, as well as practice of the early Christian church for such activity. Realizing the importance of this work, therefore, we insist that no church can long neglect the work of the Sunday School without suffering as a consequence. We think this to be the church's first aid to the preaching of the gospel.

This field of activity is as broad as the world, and yet the work of each individual church lies hard by its own doors. Jesus said. "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already unto the harvest." Again He said. "Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled." Our Master wants a full house. He is sending us to fill it. It is the task of the Sunday School to find those out in the highways and the byways and bring them in and introduce them to the word of God and to the salvation of Jesus Christ. We are told that less than half the church members of the Southern Baptist Convention are affiliated with any Sunday School, and that there are fifteen million white people in this beloved Southland of ours who never darken the doors of a Sunday School. We see, therefore, that we have just begun to make our advance on the great throngs of folks who need the help of the Sunday School.

We need not think that this great work can be successfully carried on in a haphazard accidental way. It requires our best prayers, our best devotions, our best efforts

Some things which are necessary for a successful Sunday School:

First, we must have Godly pious officers and teachers, for no one can teach another the way of eternal life who has not known the way himself.

Second, we must get ready for them when they come. We cannot expect folks to come and remain when we have furnished them no physical accommodations. Even Jesus when preaching out in the open provided for the comforts of His hearers, having them sit down on the soft grass while He fed them. This is a day of efficiency. We equip us for our business with buildings sufficient. Jesus said that men of the world are wiser in their generation than the children of light, and bids us learn our lesson from them. Then we need to organize classes fitted to the needs of all who come. No efficient teaching work can be done with classs improperly graded. Let us learn our lesson again from the public school. Once more we must need be supplied with literature suited to the needs of each class. Let us not neglect the Bible, but we need the other too.

Third, find the folks and bring them in. In order to do this we must learn who the folks are. Hence the need of a full and adequate census giving full infomation about every person in our bounds. Then make some one responsible for touching every prospect.

Fourth, hold them, teach them, and win them for Christ. Here we must need feed them upon the sincere milk of the word. We must offer them fellowship and love and make the atmosphere so spiritual that they may realize the presence of Jesus. Keep proper records. Hence the need of offering some type of training for our teachers. We recommend frequent training courses taught by the pastor or some other suitable person.

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. Teague,
Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Sometime in the early "forties" say 1843, Rev. William Pool taught a "Saturday and Sunday" school at Antioch church. As we understand it at this distance of time after the transaction, he taught spelling and reading on Saturday, and on Sunday, added Bible reading. Bibles and Dilworth spellers were the only text books. Ten or twelve years later, the Saturday exercises were dropped and the Sunday teaching was Bible lessons and singing in Walkers Southern Harmony in the "fa-sol-la" system.

During the "Fifties" there was a great spiritual awakening over the whole country, and a corresponding interest in

Sabbath Schools, but as the whole country went wild with military excitement in 1861, there was a deep depression in the Sunday School work. But as the crimson tide of hideous war, and its terrible sufferings swept over the country the women of the whole land gathered to the churches as best they could, and read their Bibles and prayed, but the sorrow was too bitter for much singing. Sister Judith Brown and Caroline Fox carried on a splendid Sunday School at Antioch while heavy battles were raging from the Potomac to the Rio Grande. After "The garments rolled in blood" had passed away, Christians of all denominations took hold of the great work and they are still working onward and upward.

The great work will go on. Will we have a hand it it? and share in its triumph?

W. E. White

Committee

Report on church and pastoral relation was called and read by Elder W. T. Comer. Was discussed by W. T. Comer and adopted.

REPORT ON CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATION

The relation between pastor and church is very tender. It is much like that of parent and child. The true pastor is honored and reverenced for his works sakes. We believe that the pastor who is placed in his office by the Lord is the true shepherd of the blood bought flock, the Holy Spirit making him overseer of the band of baptized believers. There are certain duties which devolves upon him as pastor, and there are certainly corresponding duties which devolves upon the members of his flock.

We mention some of his duties. First He is to feed the flock. That is he must look after their needs. He is to feed them with milk or meat as they are able to hear. Second, He must defend the flock. Grevious wolves will enter in not sparing the flock. He must defend the church from the false doctrines, which these wolves attempt to bring into the church.

Third. He should teach his people to observe all things which his Lord has commanded. By this we mean that he should keep before them their duties to the church and to those who are unsaved.

We mentioned some of the duties of the church to the pastor.

First—You should receive him and his message as from the Lord.

Second—You must supply his temporal needs.

Third—By living the sermon he preaches. Let the world see the fruits of his labors in your lives as well as in the salvation of the lost.

Fourth—Co-operate fully with your pastor in every effort to advance Christ's kingdom.

Respectfully submitted

W. T. Comer.

Religious exercise for tomorrow: Prayer service L. R. Sloan, Sermon, J. W. Rash.
Adjourned till 9:30 Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING OCTOBER 10, 1931

Met as per adjournment. Prayer service by L. R. Sloan.
10:00 a. m. Association called to order by the Moderator, prayer by R. Lee Davis.

Visiting brethren were invited and Elder R. Lee Davis of South Yadkin and Grover C. Teague of French Broad Association accepted seats with us.

The report on Fundamental Doctrines was read by E. E. Pool. Was discussed by E. E. Pool, Elder R. Lee Davis and Grover C. Teague and adopted as follows:

FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16.

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength; this is the first commandment.

And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these, Mark 12: 30-31.

Here indeed are the fundamentals: The fact of God declared, His nature revealed His gift bestowed, the boundaries of His salvation outlined, the terms of it made plain, the whole duty of man defined, and the destinies of the human race sealed. Archibishop Manning said in 1870 let all the world go to bits and Catholics would reconstruct it on the dogma of papal infallibility. But we would say today let the world go to bits and we will reconstruct it on these pillars of everlasting duration.

Signed,

Chas. C. Holland and E. E. Pool.

Sermon by J. W. Rash. Text Acts 2:27 and 38.
Intermission

1:00 p. m. The report on duties to the poor was called and the one printed in last years minutes was read by Elder C. W. Teague chairman, was discussed by Elders C. W. Teague, R. Lee Davis and W. J. Bumgarner and adopted.

The report on Temperance and Law Enforcement was called. Neither committee or report present, Bro. Frank Gwaltney read the Report in last years minutes. Was discussed by Frank Gwaltney, L. R. Sloan, G. L. Chatham, Elder R. Lee Davis, W. J. Bumgarner and C. W. Teague and adopted.

Report on Digest of Churches as follows:

There are 32 churches in the Association, 31 reporting this year.

Baptisms	235
S. S. Enrollment	2512
Pastors Salary	$3274.08
Other Objects	$1993.01
Value of Church Property	$53011.07
Deaths	48
Membership	5071

G. L. Chatham
J. S. Baker
W. O. Johnson
Committee.

Took a collection for minute fund amount $4.73.

The following resolution of thanks was tendered to the people of Pleasant Hill church for the hospitality given the Association.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

Be it resolved that the Association extend to this Church and the community a vote of thanks and appreciation for its gracious and generous hospitality, and the good things to eat, and especially the bountiful table provided each day at the church. We pray God's blessings upon the Church and community.

Dismissed by W. J. Bumgarner till Wednesday before the second Sunday in October 1932 when we meet with Sulphur Springs Church

Religious exercise for Sunday: Sermon by R. Lee Davis.

Sunday morning 11:00 A. M. Sermon by E. V. Bumgarner text Romans 13:11.

Took a collection for Missions amount $13.00.

HISTORIANS REPORT

Pleasant Hill

Was organized January 31, 1852, by a presbytery consisting of Rev. John G. Brian, Jacob Crouch and Wm. Pool. Wm. Pool was made pastor and John T. Baker clerk. This Church is situated on a ridge 1185 feet above sea level, in the heart of the Brushy Mountain orchard district, pleasantly sheltered and shaded by a splendid growth of timber, the Church house is well built and neatly painted, with easy access from almost every direction. It is better known locally as Black Oak Ridge than by its true name.

The people are to be praised for the splendid way in which they took care of the past session of the Association with well behaved crowds and a bountiful table every day.

The following ministers have served the church as pastors:

Wm. Pool from the time of organization to January 1856 Wm. J. Chapel January, 1856 to Mar. 1859. J. G. Brian 1859 to 1860, Alexander Gilreath Nov. 1860 to 1863. James Kerley July 1863 to 1865. Peter Tritte September, 1865 to 1867 Benther Bedford Brown, January 1868 to August 1868. James Carley, August, 1868 to 1870. James Kerley June 1870 to 1873. Wm. G. Brown January 1874 to 1878. James Kerley,1879. W. J. Bumgarner Dec. 1880. C. C. Poole October 1881 to 1893. W. J. Bumgarner January 1894 to 1900. John Weatherman, Dec. 1900 to 1903. L. P. Gwaltney 1903 to 1907. W. J. Bumgarner Arpil 1907 to 1912. J. P Gwaltney Oct. 1912 to 1913. W. E. Linney Dec. 1913 to 1915. D. W. Poole March 1915 to 1919. C. F. Friday February 1919 to 1924. Loyd Barnes September 1924 and is still the pastor.

The following clerks have served the church.

John T. Baker 1852. Manly Holten 1853 to 1855. G. W. Jones 1855 to 1857 John T. Baker 1857 to 1860. B. F. Ellis 1860 to 1863. James Kerley Pro tem, 1863 to 1865. John T. Baker 1865. Wm. R. Childers 1866 to 1874. Sion Harrington 1874 to 1912, J. W. Pharr, 1912 to 1917. F. S. Bowles 1917 to 1925. Jeffie Daniels 1925 to 1929. F. E. Harrington 1929 to Feb. 1931. Jeffie Daniels Feb. 1931 is the present clerk.

OBITUARY

Antioch: Mr. E. L. Johnson, Mrs. Genalia Johnson, Mrs. Martha Bowman, Mr. Robt. Bowman.

Bethel: Mr. Charlie Childers, Mrs. Susan Canter.

Bethlehem: Mrs. Malinda Downs, Mrs. Macy Fox, Mr. V. W. Teague, Mrs. Dora Cline, Mr. Wade Brown.

Concord: Mrs. Jane Mitchell, Mr. Cain Douglass, Mr. B. F. Wililams.

Damascus: Miss Elizabeth Martin, Mrs. M. E. Thorpe.
Dover: Mr. Thomas P. Walker, Mrs. Jane White
East Taylorsville: Mrs. J. P. Brown, Mrs. Robert Deal.
Gays Chapel: Deacon H. M. Paige, Mrs. B. M. Cloer.
Leabnon: Mrs. Fate Bebber, Mrs. Mary Bumgarner, Miss Genealia Watts.
Linney's Grove: Mrs. L. L. Munday.
Macedonia, Mrs. J. S. Carrigan, Mrs. Catherine Mecimore.
Millersville: Mr. T. D. Fincannon, Mrs. J. H. Faircloth.
Mt. Olive: Mrs. Lottie Bumgarner..
Pleasant Hill: Mrs. Cleo Harrington, Mrs. Dezzie Wike.
Sulphur Springs: Mr. Joe Lackey, Mrs. Nina Lackey.

Stony Point: Deacon A. L. Watts, Mr. S. Groce, Mr. D. A. Sharpe, Mrs. Fox.

Taylorsville: Mrs. W. L. Moose, Mrs. J. A. White, Mr. Mack Echerd, Mrs. D. H. Osborne, Mrs. Geo. C. Teague.

Taylor Springs: Mrs. Clint Jordan, Mr. Washington Hollar.
Three Forks, Mrs. Sallie Arren.

G. L. Chatham
Historian

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following is a record of funds that have passed through my hands as Associational Treasurer. Most of the Orphanage funds have been sent direct to the Orphanage as they should be. Some of the Mission contributions were sent direct to Brother Blalock and all of the Co-operative Program funds were sent in by the church Treasurers.

Please get Mission funds into my hands as soon as possible after they are collected, so I may have something to send to Brother Blalock all along through the year.

TREASURER'S REPORT Receipt for this Associational year as follows:	Missions	Orphanage	Minute Fund
Antioch	$	$	$ 1.60
Bethany	17.26		2.50
Bethel	11.60		1.40
Bethlehem	10.29		1.80
Concord			.60
Damascus	10.60		1.60
Dover			1.00
East Taylorsville	11.10	5.00	2.30
Fairview	12.61		2.25
Hiddenite			2.00
Lebanon	9.00		1.00
Liledoun			1.05
Linney's Grove	20.54		1.20
Little River			1.00
Macedonia			3.00
Millersville			1.80
Mt. Hebron			1.05
Mt. Herman			1.00
Mt. Olive	8.83		2.50
Pleasant Grove	5.75		1.60
Sulphur Springs	32.06		2.55
Pleasant Hill			2.00
Stony Point			1.05
Smyrna			2.00
Three Forks	6.50		2.50
Taylorsville	77.79		5.00
Taylor Springs	10.36		2.00
White Plains	12.47		1.35
Gays Chapel	2.00	2.00	1.00
Zion Hill	21.18		
Biddie Wagner	5.00	5.00	
Moravian Falls	5.36		
Mrs. P. B. Pennell	6.00		
W. J. Bumgarner	25.00		
Ass'n. Collection	13.00		
TOTAL	$ 334.30	$ 12.00	$57.03
Disbursments			
To T. L. Blalock Aug. 8, 1931	147.18		
To T. L. Blalock Oct. 22, 1931	185.12		
To Orphanage		10.00	
R. B. McLeod, Clerk			57.00
On Hand Oct. 31.	2.00	2.00	
TOTAL	$ 334.30	$ 12.00	$57.03

Chas. E. Echerd, Treasurer

TABLE 1—CHURCH AND POSTOFFICE

CHURCH	PASTOR AND POSTOFFICE	CLERK AND POSTOFFICE	When Constituted	Time of Preaching	Baptisms	Letters	Restroation	Dismission	Letters	Deaths	Totals
Antioch	J. L. Teague, Hickory, R. 2	V. W. Teague, Taylorsville, R. 4	1826	1&3	2	3	0	0	1	4	125
Bethany	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	E. E. Pool, Gilreath, R.	1892	4	11	1	1	1	2	0	186
Bethel	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	S. C. Campbell, Taylorsville	1800	3	0	0	0	0	5	2	196
Bethlehem	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	R. Lee Teague, Bentley	1871	1	12	0	1	0	3	5	263
Concord	C. W. Teague, Taylorsville, R. 4	N. R. Martin, Stony Point R. 1	1852	1&3	2	0	0	0	3	3	228
Damascus	G. D. White, Statesville, R. 5	Maggie McLain, Statesville, R. 2	1839	1	15	3	0	0	4	2	214
Dover	S. I. Watts, Boomer	Fred A. Pennell, Taylorsville	1833	4	6	0	0	0	3	2	200
East Taylorsville	C. C. Holland, Stony Point	R. L. Chamberlain, Taylorsville	1924	1	19	8	0	2	4	2	159
Fair View	G. D. White, Statesville, R. 5	J. W. Querry, Hiddenite, R. 1	1922	4	6	0	0	0	2	0	70
Gay's Chapel	C. F. Friday, Taylorsville	W. G. Ellis, Elmwood, R. 1	1885	3	3	11	0	0	0	2	64
Hiddenite	C. C. Holland, Stony Point	J. W. Hendren, Hiddenite	1915	2	8	13	0	0	0	0	85
Lebanon	W. T. Comer, Stony Point	G. W. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	1884	2	0	0	0	0	7	3	89
Liledoun	S. I. Watts, Boomer	C. A. Smith, Taylorsville, R. 4	1906	2&4	18	4	0	0	4	0	209
Linney's Grove	G. D. White, Statesville, R. 5	J. F. Baker, Hiddenite	1895		6	6	0	0	0	1	182
Little River	S. I. Watts, Boomer	N. C. Deal, Taylorsville	1792	3	0	0	0	0	2	1	116
Macedonia	F. C. Watts, Purlear	W. P. Smith, Taylorsville		1	6	2	0	0	2	2	114
Millersville	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville	J. H. Faircloth, Taylorsville	1923	1&3	11	9	0	0	6	2	107
Mt. Hermon	S. I. Watts, Boomer	P. E. Johnson, Taylorsville, R. 4	1912	2	0	0	0	0	6	0	130
Mt. Olive	C. C. Holland, Stony Point	R. T. Lowe, Pores Knob, R.	1865	1	6	0	1	0	4	1	176
Mt. Nebo	R. M. Stevenson, Taylorsville	C. A. Burgess, Stony Point, R. 2	1906	4	7	0	0	0	5	0	83
Mt. Hebron	L. E. Barnes, Hiddenite, R. 1	C. C. Deal, Taylorsville, R. 2	1915	3	10	0	0	0	1	0	107
Pilgrim	Not represented										
Pleasant Grove	L. E. Barnes, Hiddenite, R. 1	Troy Sloan, Stony Point	1900	4	8	0	0	1	2	0	101
Pleasant Hill	L. E. Barnes, Hiddenite, R. 1	Jeffie Daniels, Taylorsville,	1852	1	8	0	0	0	3	2	143
Popular Springs	S. I. Watts, Boomer	W. L. Russell, Taylorsville, R. 2	1872	1	7	2	1	0	4	0	174
Sulphur Springs	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	S. F. Cook, Hiddenite	1867	3	8	0	0	2	8	2	183
Stony Point	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	W. Y. Ball, Stony Point	1909	3	17	5	0	0	6	4	298
Smyrna	C. W. Teague, Taylorsville R. 4	Parks Icenhour, Taylorsville	1923	2&4	9	2	0	0	4	0	95
Taylorsville	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville	1851	2&4	0	5	0	0	5	5	274
Taylor Springs	G. D. White, Statesville, R. 5	D. L. Williams, New Hope	1852	3	10	2	0	0	0	2	196
Three Fork	J. W. Watts, Patterson	R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville, R. 4	1857	3	11	4	0	1	14	1	272
White Plains	J. W. Watts, Patterson	R. M. Grant, Taylorsville, R. 2	1912	2	7	0	0	0	2	0	201

TABLE II—SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCH	SUPERINTENDENT & POSTOFFICE	Officers and Teachers	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Totals	Average Att.	Baptisms From S. S.	Gifts From S. S
Antioch	Clarence Keller, Taylorsville, R. 4	10	16	15	25	28	16	40	150	84	1	$ 31.35
Bethany	F. B. Hendren, Pores Knob	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	80	0	0
Bethel	J. W. McCurdy, Taylorsville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0
Bethlehem	Arthur Hefner, Hickory, R.	11	9	0	9	18	25	40	117	72	12	0
Concord	R. J. Matheson, Stony Point, R.	5	8	10	0	22	25	15	85	0	0	0
Damascus	A. A. Leach, Statesville, R. 3	5	3	10	12	15	13	12	65	32	8	0
Dover	Ed Mooney, Taylorsville, R. 4	2	8	7	9	10	10	10	56	15	6	0
East Taylorsville	Maurice Barnes, Taylorsville	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	79	9	0
Fair View	W. B. Hendren, Hiddenite, R. 1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	50	5	0
Gay's Chapel	Allen Starett, Elmwood, R. 1	5	12	15	0	0	20	8	60	20	3	10.00
Hiddenite	J. W. Hendren, Hiddenite	9	30	14	7	20	30	23	133	65	7	25.65
Lebanon	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville R. 2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	0
Liledoun	Mrs. W. J. Jenkins, Taylorsville, R.4	6	0	18	17	20	0	24	85	65	0	0
Linney's Grove	C. J. Gwaltney, Hiddenite	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	67	40	1	0
Millersville	J. H. Faircloth, Taylorsville, R. 1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	82	11	30.00
Mt. Hermon	L. C. Echerd, Taylorsville, R. 4	7	10	0	18	20	0	12	67	40	0	10.72
Mt. Olive	Ralph Russell, Pores Knob	6	0	8	6	0	20	30	70	36	2	47.74
Mt. Nebo	J. T. Christopher, Stony Point	5	0	20	0	0	15	15	0	45	0	0
Pleasant Grove	L. S. Johnson, Stony Point	11	0	23	0	19	14	27	94	0	3	0
Sulphur Springs	A. Q. Patterson, Hiddenite	10	15	0	26	0	53	21	125	85	0	10.74
Stony Point	A. F. Ball, Stony Point	9	16	15	28	25	23	53	169	145	0	84.03
Smyrna	B. W. Teague, Taylorsville, R. 4	11	28	10	15	12	13	25	114	65	7	0
Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville	15	50	44	44	21	47	89	310	142	0	238.59
Taylor Springs	C. C. Redman, New Hope	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	150	65	0	0
Three Fork	S. W. Rogers, Taylorsville, R. 2	6	20	0	30	35	0	35	126	50	2	0
White Plains	Mrs. J. A. Robinette, Hiddenite	8	5	10	10	9	15	30	79	45	3	19.90
Totals		178	230	219	256	274	339	509	2462	1402	80	508.72

TABLE—III

FINANCIAL

CHURCH

CHURCH	Pastors Salary	Other Objects	Ministerial Help	Minute Fund	Gifts to Co-op Program	Missions	Orphanage	Grand Total	Value of Church Property
Antioch	$ 184.36	$ 49.35	$ 37.00	$ 0.00	$ 4.30	$ 8.60	$ 23.25	$ 226.86	$ 1,000.00
Bethany	169.33	00.00	17.00	2.50	0.00	17.26	10.00	216.09	500.00
Bethel	53.75	00.00	23.50	1.40	0.00	11.60	5.00	95.25	1,200.00
Bethlehem	200.00	126.00	35.00	1.80	0.00	15.29	11.53	389.62	2,000.00
Concord	95.00	00.00	25.00	0.00	0.00		5.50	127.50	2,500.00
Damascus	90.00	21.33	39.80	1.60	0.00	98.36	21.00	272.09	1,500.00
Dover	84.00	00.00	18.00	1.00	0.00	1.40	1.00	105.70	500.00
East Taylorsville	128.90	38.12	36.75	2.30	0.00	11.10	9.59	236.77	1,600.00
Fair View	000.00	11.76	25.00	2.25	0.00	12.61	13.25	64.87	1,000.00
Gay's Chapel	000.00	00.00	00.00	0.60	0.00	00.00	00.00	00.60	1,000.00
Hiddenite	149.43	21.40	43.67	2.00	8.00	7.45	28.00	216.59	5,311.00
Lebanon	79.50	00.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	00.00	104.50	800.00
Liledoun	116.15	35.90	12.62	1.95	0.00	0.00	15.90	181.62	000.00
Linney's Grove	00.00	00.00	00.00	0.00	0.00	20.24	8.00	28.54	1,000.00
Little River	51.00	00.00	17.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	69.16	1,000.00
Macedonia	85.00	00.00	10.00	3.00	0.00	0 00	0.00	98.00	800.00
Millersville	143.57	00.00	24.09	1.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	172.46	3,000.00
Mt. Hermon	85.03	4.00	20.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	5.71	63.46	1,500.00
Mt. Olive	139.26	3.40	34.00	2.50	21.75	8.83	44.50	224.22	2,000.00
Mt. Nebo	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	1,000.00
Mt. Hebron	00.00	0.00	21.05	1.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	22.10	1,000.00
Pleasant Grove	94.00	2.25	39.05	1.60	0.00	15.75	2.25	164.93	1,500.00
Pleasant Hill	52.00	0.00	28.00	2.00	0.00	00.00	0.00	82.00	1,000.00
Popular Springs	00 00	0.00	28.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	28.70	000.00
Sulphur Springs	00.00	24.00	37.43	2.55	0.00	27.53	49.52	140.03	3,500.00
Stony Point	244.44	110.00	25.67	1.05	0.00	00.00	6.06	387.46	2,000.00
Smyrna	150.00	101 13	35.00	2.00	25.00	25.00	28.18	341.36	4 000.00
Taylorsville	580.23	130.44	00.00	5.00	5.00	43.88	84.25	837.80	8,000 00
Taylor Springs	75.05	43.00	34.60	0.00	4.45	10.31	4.97	174.38	2,000 00
Three Forks	123.00	6.10	41.75	2 50	0.00	6.44	4.00	188.54	1,000.00
White Plains	80 94	1.42	32.00	1 20	0.00	12.59	0 00	135.15	1 500.00
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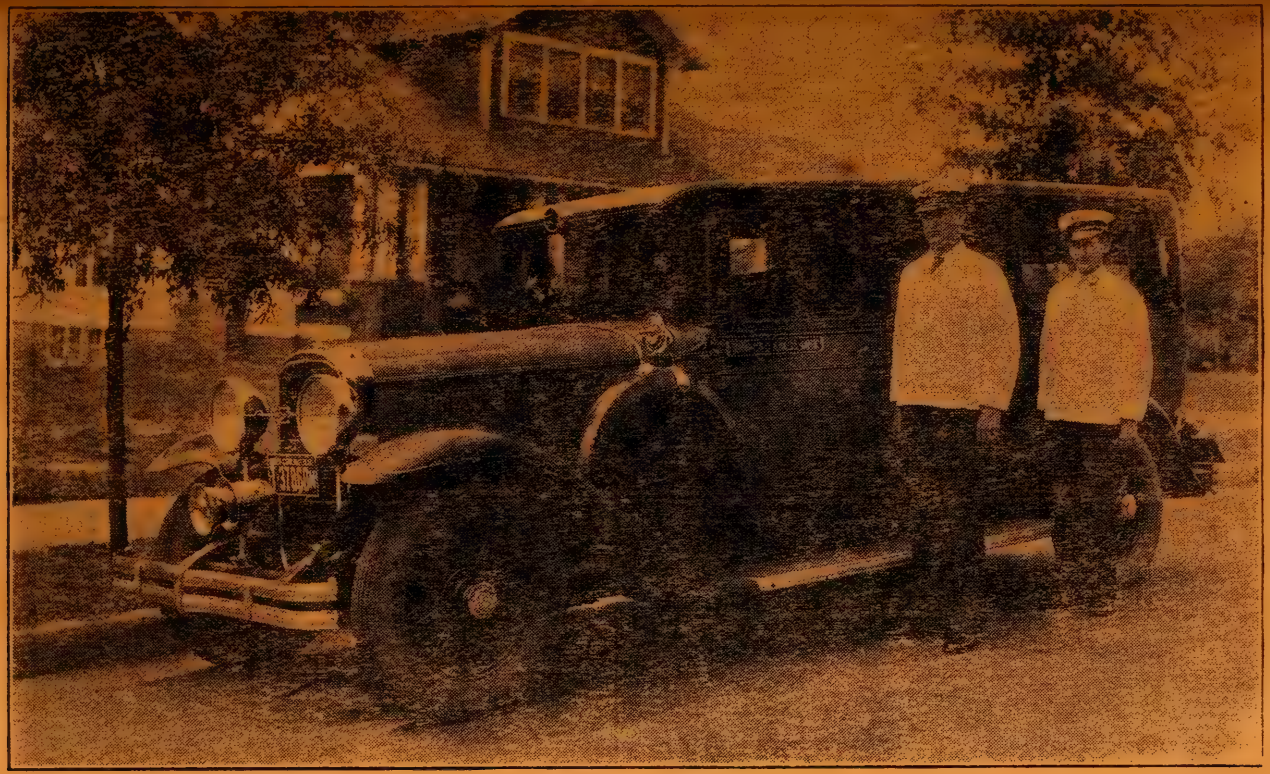

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Leabnon ---------- W. J. Bumgarner and E. V. Bumgarner
Linney's Grove ---------- W. E. Linney
Mt. Hermon ---------- W. O. Johnson
Mt. Olive ---------- J. S. Stevenson
Stony Point ---------- C. C. Holland and W. T. Comer
Smyrna ---------- C. W. Teague
Taylorsville ---------- A. E. Watts
Taylor Springs ---------- L. T. Younger, and D. C. Thompson
Three Forks ---------- Levi W. Teague
White Plains ---------- C. F. Friday

Students for the Ministery

Antioch: Jack Keller at Lenoir-Rhyne college.
Linney's Grove: Howard Ford at Wake Forest

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 5, 1932

11:00 A. M. The Association was opened by the choir singing "There is a Fountain", prayer by Rev. E. V. Bumgarner. Introductory sermon by Rev. S. I. Watts. text Col. 2: 10.

INTERMISSION

1:00 P. M. The Association was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Jack Keller.

The following churches were enrolled.
Antioch—Jack Keller, Jeffie Oxford, W. J. Caldwell.
Bethany—E. E. Poole, F. B. Hendren, W. J. Moore.
Bethlehem—T. B. Wagner, Leroy Starnes, E. W. Teague.
Bethel—S. C. Campbell, J. L. Smith, J. V. Barnett.
Concord- N. R. Martin, Jay Fox, F. E. Brinkley.
Dover—Fred A. Pennell, Ed Mooney, Linney White.
East Taylorsville—J. A. Webster, T. J. Fortner, Van Baker.
Fair View—J. W. Querry, N. W. Cooke, W. B. Hendren.
Gay's Chapel—W. G. Ellis, M. B. Cashon, A. J. Starratte.
Hiddenite—J. W. Hendren, D. F. Milstead, Glenn Hendren.
Lebanon—E. V. Bumgarner, Leroy Sweet, G. W. Bumgarner
Liledoun—N. A. Fox, S. W. Teague, C. A. Smith.
Linney's Grove—J. F. Baker, Howard Ford, C. J. Gwaltney.

Little River—W. L. Kerley, N. C. Deal, J. T. Rogers.
Millersville—J. H. Faircloth, T. L. Hedrick, W. A. Thompson
Mt. Hermon—J. B. Echerd, W. O. Johnson, L. C. Echerd.
Mt. Olive—David McGee, E. J. Deal, L. J. Bumgarner.
Mt. Hebron—C. C. Deal, Carl Deal, J. C. Clanton.
Pleasant Grove—L. S. Johnson, Lincoln Childers, Troy Sloan.

Pleasant Hill—Jeffie Daniels, Loyd Childers, Zeno Harrington.
Sulphur Springs—S. F. Cook, T. G. Teague, A. Q. Patterson
Stony Point—N. P. Stout, S. N. Honeycutt, W. Y. Ball.
Taylorsville—A. C. Payne, G. B. Pennell, A. C. Harrington.
Taylor Springs—D. L. Williams, J. M. Cass, R. M. Hollar.
Three Forks—S. W. Rogers, J. M. Walker.
White Plains—R. M. Grant, A. M. Brown, J. A. Robinette.

By motion of E. E. Pool the reading of letters was dispensed with.

By motion of Rev. E. V. Bumgarner the present officers were elected by acclamation to wit:

Moderator, J. L. Gwaltney.
Clerk, R. B. McLeod.
Historian, G. L. Chatham.
Treasurer, C. E. Echerd.
Bro. T. C. Barnes was elected assistant treasurer.

The Moderator made the following report. Committee on Nominations E. V. Bumgarner, A. E. Watts, E. E. Lackey.

Digest of church letters, J. W. Hendren, D. Fred Milstead, J. B. Echerd.

Finance, C. E. Echerd, Jack Keller, Charlie Gwaltney.

Religious Exercise, Pastor and Messengers of Sulphur Springs Church.

The following visitors were welcomed to seats by the Moderator, S. F. Goforth of the Brier Creek association and Sister Blalock.

By motion of Rev. A. E. Watts the report on Duties to the Poor was deferred until tomorrow and the report on Fundamental Doctrines be heard at this time, the report was read by Rev. S. I. Watts, chairman. Was discussed by Rev. S. I. Watts, and Howard Ford and adopted.

FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES

The fundamental doctrines of the Bible are the foundation on which its truths stand and the energies by which its life exists. The doctrines are to the Bible what blood is to the body. The underlying principles that should be given first consideration is the total depravity of man. As a remedy for

this condition, Divine Mercy has intervened to bring about Mans' salvation. The conditions on which this mercy comes to us may be stated in three words; Repentance, Faith and Obedience. These conditions met by us bring about the work of regeneration by the Holy Spirit. As believers in Christ we should give ourselves with all that we have and are to His service in carrying His gospel to the ends of the earth.

Signed, S. I. Watts and H. J. Ford.

The report on Home and Foreign Missions was read by Rev. A. E. Watts, chairman. After reading a letter from Rev. T. L. Blalock the time was given to Sister Blalock, who gave a very interesting report on condition and work in China. A collection was taken for Missions amount $22.06. The report was adopted as follows.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

The mission of Jesus was to "Seek and Save" the lost. His message to the poor lost sinner is "Come to me and be saved on the terms of My Gospel", and His message to the church —To every saved person is "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every Creature". Jesus came from Heaven as a missionary, finished His work here on earth and as He was starting back to Heaven gave to us the gerat command, that we carry His message to all the world. Missions then to us should mean, Go to others, preaching to them and doing our best to win them to the Christ.

Every child of God should hasten to willingly obey this command of Jesus. for it is just as binding on us today, as when given from the Mount of Olives and if we as Baptists fail here we cease to be Baptists in the true sense. The strongest fort of the Baptist church has ever been her missionary efforts and we should not forget to keep in our hearts the doctrine that it is our "First and greatest duty" to seek earnestly the salvation of the lost. Our work depends wholly upon our consecration to this great task.

THE FIRST DUTY OF THE EARLY CHURCH WAS TO EVANGELISE JERUSALEM.

1—To save Jerusalem from Sin and Destruction—From Death and Hell "To" Salvation and Christian service.

2—To prvoide a base for sending the Gospel of Christ to the whole world. That is exactly what we are to do and only as we strengthen the base at home can we hope to lengthen our efforts to the ends of the earth. Our local work should appeal to us first and as our zeal increases for the salvation of our own people and as we win them to Jesus, our vision will so expand as to include the whole wide world in our missionary efforts.

HOW CAN WE SHOW THAT WE ARE MISSIONARY IN SPIRIT?

1—By being full of the Holy Ghost and of faith and living a consecrated devoted life to Jesus, as Lord and Master.

2—We must have a deep and abiding conviction that man by nature is lost and already condemned to hell and that Jesus and Jesus alone is the only remedy for the sin-sick souls of all the world.

3—We must realize the value of a soul and feel alarmed over the danger of people without God, both at home and abroad.

4—We must pray without ceasing unto God, expecting the conviction and conversion of lost people unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

5—By making a united effort for the salvation of all lost people.

6—By giving our-selves wholly into the will of God.

7—By the giving of our substances to the support of our missionary efforts.

WHO SHOULD BE INTERESTED IN OUR MISSION WORK?

All of us who love the Lord Jesus Christ. Preachers, Deacons, Leaders, Sunday School officers and teachers, parents. "All of us". Every member.

What a lost and dying world needs "Most" to-day is God-loving God-fearing, God-trusting and God-filled men and women, who are willing to swing out on the glorious promises of God, looking to Him for divine wisdom and leadership in all they do.

This association in its Foreign Mission efforts has for many years helped support in China, direct mission under the leadership of Rev. T. L. Blalock, and we urge that all of our churches rally to him by a more regular and liberal giving to his support. We also recommend that the treasurer's of the different churches be prompt in delivering to the Associtaion Treasurer the offerings made and that the Treasurer of this Association be instructed to send to Bro. Blalock the offerings delivered to him on the first day of every month.

Respectfully submitted,
A. E. Watts,
E. E. Poole,
Committee.

Homes were assigned to the messengers.

Religious exercise for tomorrow: Prayer service W. O. Johnson, sermon Rev. E. V. Bumgarner, adjourned till 9:30 tomorow morning.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 6

Met as preadjournment. Prayer service by Rev. R. Lee Davis.

10:00 A. M. Association called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Rev. C. C. Holland. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

On motion of Rev. A. E. Watts the report of Evangelism was deferred till 1 :45 P. M. and Duties to the Poor come at this hour. The report was read by chairman Rev. E. V. Bumgarner. Was discussed by Rev. J. A. McMillian of the Mills Home and Bro. J. L. Gwaltney, and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON DUTIES TO THE POOR

The poor ye have with you always, comes ringing down the ages and bids us open our eyes to see their needs and seeing go quietly and freely to their aid. He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord. The spirit of Christianity has prompted the Baptist of North Carolina to build and equip a home at Thomasville for the Fatherless and Motherless children of our deceased brethern, where they are trained for time and eternity. We recommend that our churches give once a month to our poor at Thomasville Orphanage, and look well to those near our homes.

Respectfully submitted,

E. V. Bumgarner

J. L. Gwaltney

Committee.

A collection was taken for the Orphanage amount $9.33.

Delinquent churches were called for and the following were enrolled.

Smyrna—Represented by letter.

Mt. Nebo—A. C. Burgess, Mrs. C. A. Burgess, Mrs. E. H. Stikeleather.

Pilgrim—Gorden Maybery, Talmage Maybery, J. M. Querry.

The following visiting brethern were welcomed to seats by the Moderator, Rev. R. Lee Davis of South Yadkin Association and J. A. McMillian from Mills Home.

11:00 Sermon by Rev. E. V. Bumgarner, text Micah 7: 7.

INTERMISSION

1:00 P. M. The report on Giving its Doctrine and Practice was read by Rev. E. V. Bumgarner. Was discussed by Rev. E. V. Bumgarner, J. L. Teague, Bro. C. E. Echerd and adopted as follows:

GIVING ITS DOCTRINE AND PRACTICE

Giving had its origin in the Patriarchial age. Abraham the father of the faithful and the friend of God paid tithes the Melchizedek and Jacob again set the precedent at Luz or Bethel.

Throughout the old Testament this duty is enjoined. It has priority over the law and was incorporated in the law. It is mentioned fifteen hundred to two thousand times in our Bibles, "Give a portion to seven and to eight for thou knowest not what shall be upon the earth" . Ecc. 11: 2.

Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barnes be filled with plenty, and presses shall burst out with new wine. Prov. 3: 9 and 10.

The worship of our Infinite Savior and King began with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Giving is represented in the New Testament as a Christian grace and should be cultivated as diligently as our other graces.

As to its practice your committee suggests that New Testament giving is not practised by a large per cent of our church members. Paul said to the Corinthians, "Let every one of you lay him in store on the first day of the week according as the Lord has prospered you, Cor. 16: 2. This scripture suggests; 1st Who should give "Everyone", 2nd when to give "On first day of the week", 3rd how much we are to give, "As the Lord has prospered us".

If this rule was practised it would solve all our financial problems, and we would not go up at the end of the year embarressed with our reports.

Let every pastor in our Association set the example and try to lead our people in the development of this Christian Grace to which are appended as many promises as for any other service we may render God or His kingdom. God loves a cheerful giver. The liberal soul shall be made fat.

Respectfully submitted,

E. V. Bumgarner

C. E. Echerd.

On motion of Bro. C. E. Echerd, the report on Evangelism was carried over untill tomorrow and the report on Sunday Schools be taken up at this time, which was read by Rev. C. C. Holland chairman, was discussed by Rev. C. C. Holland, W. T. Comer, J. L. Teague, G. C. Teague, J. A. McMillian and Bro. C. E. Echerd and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

Surely the time has passed when it is necessary to argue the need, importance, and glory of the Sunday School. It has long since proved it's worth by the things it has accomplished. Whenever you find a well organized and efficient Sunday School you have or will have a strong church.

After examination of last years record we are convinced that our churches are asleep at the switch on the Sunday School line. For some reason only 26 out of 32 churches gave any report of Sunday Schools. Giving round numbers we have 5000 church members in our association. Sunday School enrollment for entire association in round numbers is 2500. Figuring conservatively at least 900 of these are non-church members. Thus we see about 1600 out of 5000 church members even enrolled in our Sunday Schools. Then figuring on basis of average attendance the average attendance the average Sunday finds only around 850 church members out of 5000 at our Suday Schools, or around 17 per cent of membership. Where are the 4150? Will you think of this number of church members out of Sunday School to say nothing of that vast multitude who are neither members of the church nor the Sunday School? Surely these are startling and humiliating facts.

What are we going to do about it? Nothing? God forbid! Your committee would recommend:

First: That we as individuals give more serious and earnest thought, prayer and endeavor to this great task.

Second: That as individual schools we adopt some worthy objectives, and then work some plans whereby we may reach those objectives. If we have no objective then we will find ourselves going around in a circle and merely beating the air. One may look high and land low, but one will never look low and land high. We are to f-i-s-h for men. "F-ind them, I-nterest them, S-ave them H-old them."

Third: That as an association we have an annual associational Sunday School Convention, for inspiration, information and co-operation, in Sunday School work.

And we, if this recommendation be adopted, suggest that during this association the moderator appoint a committee or committees on time, place, and program for such convention during the incoming associational year.

Respectfully submitted,
Chas. C. Holland.

In acocrd with the above report the moderator appointed a committee consisting of Rev. C. C. Holland. C. W. Teague and Bro. C. E. Echerd to determine time and place for meeting of the Associational Convention.

The convention will be held at Stony Point Baptist church on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in April 1933. Program as follows:

10:00—Devotional ---------- Rev. W. T. Comer

10:15—Why should every church member be a Sunday School attendant ---------- Rev. A. E. Watts

10:35—How to enlist more folks in Sunday School

(a) Census of community. Why? How? Rev. C. W. Teague

10:55—(b) How to follow up a census -- Miss Alberta Poe

11:15—Sermon ---------- Rev. J. Clyde Yates

12:00—Recess

1:00—Evangelization in the Sunday School

(a)—Value ---------- Rev. W. O. Johnson

1:20—(b)—How to make it effective in Sunday School Rev. E. V. Bumgarner

1:45—Why our Sunday Schools should help in the work of (a) The Orphanage ---------- Prof I. G. Greer

2:15—(b) The Hospital ---------- Rev. C. C. Holland

2:30—Miscellaneous

Let every Sunday School in the Association select delegates and send to this convention just as you send delegates to the Association meeting.

C. C. Holland
C. W. Teague
Chas. Echerd, Committee.

On motion of Rev. E. V. Bumgarner the Report on Temperance be deferred till tomorrow and Spiritual State of the chuches come at this time, which was read by Rev. W. T. Comer, D. W. Pool and adopted as follows.

REPORT ON SPIRITUAL STATE OF CHURCHES

That there has been a decline in Spirituality none of us deny. While there have some indifferences which have helped in bringing about this sad condition. Yet we are forced to admit that we as pastors and church members are in a measure responsible for this declension. We fear that we have not been emphasizing as we should the importance of right living. One of the sad conditions in the churches now is the careless maner in which so many of our church members are living. Very sorry are we that so many of our church members are not attending church and Sunday School as they should. Another sad condition is the neglect of religious training in the home. Here is where we have fallen down. Still another humiliating condition is that we are doing so little in giving the Gospel to the world. We fear this is caused by lack of interest, we are failing to show our faith by our works.

Are we ignoring the leadership of the Holy Spirit? We are in danger here.

We are happy in the experience during the revival in our churches this year. Most of our meetings indicate greater Spirituality in the churches. This should be an encouragement to us and an incentive to a greater effort to win the World for Christ. We recommend a more careful study of the Bible, more loyalty to the church, liberal systematic giving, consistant upright Christian living.

W. T. Comer,

The Treasurer reported that the minute fund was short, and on motion of Rev. E. V. Bumgarner that each church send one dollar to the clerk of the Association, and that all ministers and messengers have this done at the next meeting.

The committee on Nominations made the following report.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

Missions—E. V. Bumgarner, J. L. Gwaltney, L. E. Barnes.

Fundamental Doctrines—A. E. Watts, W. O. Johnson, G. D. White.

Evangelism—C. C. Holland, C. E. Echerd.

Duties to the Poor—W. T. Comer, C. F. Friday, R. B. McLeod.

Sunday Schools—C. W. Teague, Howard Ford, L. T. Younger.

Temperance and law Enforcement—A. C. Payne, D. C. Thompson.

Spiritual State of the Churches—J. S. Stephenson, E. E. Pool.

Church and Pastoral Relation—S. I. Watts, W. J. Bumgarner.

Giving its Doctrine and Practice—J. L. Teague, B. F. Peeler.

MESSENGERS TO OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

Brier Creek—L. T. Younger.
Caldwell—C. E. Echerd.
South Yadkin—J. L. Gwaltney.
Brushy Mountain—R. B. McLeod.
Baptist State Convention—A. E. Watts.
Southern Baptist Convention—C. C. Holland, A. C. Payne.
Place—Macedonia.
To preach the introductory sermon—C. W. Teague.
Alternate—E. V. Bumgarner.

Time of next meeting, Wednesday before the second Sunday in October 1933, lasting through the following Friday.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR 1933 ASSOCIATION

Wednesday

11:00 A. M. Sermon
12:00 Intermission
1:00 Organization
1:30 Church and Pastoral Relation
2:15 Sunday Schools
3:15 Miscellaneous

Thursday
10:00 Missions
11:00 Sermon
12:00 Intermission
1:00 Call for delinquent churches, visitors, ect.
1:15 Fundamental Doctrines
1:45 Duties to the Poor
2:30 Giving its doctrine and practice
3:15 Miscellaneous

Friday
10:00 Temperance and law Enforcement
11:00 Sermon
12:00 Intermission
1:00 Evangelism
1:45 Spiritual State of the Churches
2:30 Miscellaneous

Respectfully submitted,

E. V. Bumgarner

E. E. Lackey

A. E. Watts

Committee.

Religious exercise for tomorrow; Prayer service Howard Ford, Sermon Rev. R. Lee Davis.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 7, 1932

Met as preadjournment, prayer service by Rev. W. C. Meadows and Sister Blalock.

10:00 A. M. The association called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Bro. Howard Ford. Rev. W. C. Meadows of the Brushy Mountain Association was welcomed to seat with us by the Moderator.

Delinquent churches were called for and the following were enrolled.

Macedonia—By letter

Poplar Springs—By letter

Damascus—Maggie McLain, G. S. Pharr, J. A. McLain.

The Report on Temperance and law Enforcement was called and was read by Rev. A. E. Watts. Was discussed by Rev. A. E. Watts, W. C. Meadows, Bros. R. B. McLeod and Howard Ford and adopted.

TEMPERANCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

Your committee believes in and commends to the people of the Alexander Baptist Association a form of temperance which is universal in its character and scope. In our zeal to rid the country of the liquor traffic and to banish forever the saloons, we have lost the full meaning of the term temperance. Certainly Baptists should not only be temperate in the use of any intoxicant, as a beverage. Christians will not be satisfied to stop when the enemy liquor is conquered, rather they will live and teach a temperance which condemns overindulgence of any character. Natural passions must be conquered and guided, and temperance must be applied to our pleasures, our reasoning, and most especially to our judgment of others.

Law in its broadest sense is a rule of action, prescribed by a Superior, which an inferior is bound to obey. Then the first place it is incumbent upon us to create in our communities respect for law and order. One does not readily observe rules of action which he does not respect. This respect for law and order must be taught first in the home. Love and firmness must be intermingled in the administration of the law of the home. Parents must be the judge and jury of the home. "Even with men who have grown reckless and reprobate and have broken all restraints, human and divine, the last cable they have been able to snap the last anchor which has dragged, is the memory which has moored them to a virtuous home."—Dr. Hamilton.

No child should be taught to fear the officer, rather he should be taught that the officer is a protector of life and property. Just as home training is the first essential of good citizenship, so is training the second essential. Parents should co-operate with the teachers in all their efforts to prepare the child for the privileges and obligations of citizenship. In the second place we must create in our communities a co-operative attitude toward law enforcement. A breach of the law is the business of every citizen, and every citizen makes it his business. Good citizens petition law making bodies for better laws, assist officers and tender their service to their state and county for any duty of citizenship that may devolve on them.

A. E. Watts for the committee.

11:00 A. M. Sermon by Rev. R. Lee Davis, text John 12: 11 and 32.

INTERMISSION

1:00 P. M. The Report of Evangelism was called and read by Rev. R. Lee Davis chairman. Was discussed by Rev. R. Lee Davis, C. F. Friday, W. C. Meadows and adopted as follows:

EVANGELISM

Christ said, "Go ye forth into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16: 15. This is a commission for evangelism. But we fear much which is called evangelism results only in an effort to add members to the church by a public profession of faith and this defended by quoting Romans 10: 9 "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead thou shalt be saved" depending we fear on the mechanical CONFESSION and BELIEVING which all may do and be lost.

Forgetting or disregarding the deeper spiritual meaning which only comes to us by the power impressing on us our lost condition and making us surrender all to God.

Salvation is not simply a moral reformation but must include it. Feeling is not Salvation but one who is really saved will have it or there is no feeling in love which is the very essence of Salvation.

We are commanded to preach: and real preaching must include feeling by the preacher with an intense earnestness of heart, expecting the Spirit to bless the message to the salvation of sinners and strengthing the christians.

Let us pray for the old time power of the Spirit to convict sinners of their sins and with tears take Christ as their Savior and example.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Lee Davis.

Report on Church and Pastoral Relation was read by Bro. A. C. Payne, and discussed by Bro. A. C. Payne, Rev. C. W. Teague. R. Lee Davis, A. E. Watts and E. V. Bumgarner and adopted.

CHURCH AND PASTORIAL RELATIONS

This subject having been worn thread bare, we grope for something new to say about it. We recognize its place among the subjects we are called upon to discuss at every Association, but we deplore the fact that at each recuring discussion of the same it does not mean more to our church membership. However, we repeat, that the relations between the Church and pastor should be one of tenderness and sympathy.

There is nothing more essential to the progress of the church in fulfilling the "Great Commission", than the Christian like spirit and feeling existing between the pastor and religious leader and the church. It is evident from experience and observation that the influence of the church is greatly diminished and fellowship destroyed when there is discord between the pastor and church.

We pray for a greater faith in Christ, and a fuller fellowship among the membership of the churches, that the cause of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only head of the Church, may go forward in the saving of lost souls.

We regret to see a falling off in the support of the pastors during the past year. We trust that as the depression passes, the churches will renew their obligations to the pastors, and that a greater blessing than ever before will be poured out for the membership of the churches.

Your committee wishes to assume the roll of host and invite the pastors into the homes of the people constituting the churches, more frequently than heretofore.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. Payne, for the committee.

The following resolution of thanks was tendered to the people of Sulphur Springs church for the hospitality given the Association.

Be it resolved that the Association extend to this church and the community a vote of thanks and appreciation for its gracious and generous hospitality and the good things to eat, and especially the bountiful table provided each day at the church. We pray God's blessing upon the church and the community.

Dismissed by Rev. W. C. Meadows till Wednesday before the second Sunday in October 1933 when we meet with Macedonia church.

HISTORICAL WORK

SULPHUR SPRINGS CHURCH

Was organized on the third Saturday of October, 1867, by a presbytery consisting of Elds, James M. McNeill, J. Harvy West, J. B. Green and R. L. Steel, with the following charter members, J. L. Davis, C. Drum, D. Clary, Miles Clary, Thomas Hudson, S. A. Lackey, and Sisters M. E. Davis, L. Lackey, Louisa Lackey, Lina Hudson, Sarah Davis, Mary Durmire, N. E. Drum, D. C. Sharpe, N. M. Clary, Karen Clary, Adeline Hudson, Nancy Hudson, Susan Lackey, C. M. Lackey, Elizabeth Hudson and Jenny Hudson.

The Articles of Faith were the same as those of the churches composing the United Baptist Association. Thomas Hudson and A. Lackey were chosen Deacons, and J. L. Davis was elected church clerk.

R. L. Steele served as pastor from the time of organization to the 3rd Saturday September 1868. Then W. A. Pool until February 1873. R. L. Steele again until December 1873. Then R. L. Steel and W. A. Pool jointly until December 1874. R. L. Steel until September 1875. L. P. Gwaltney until September 1876. Geo. W. Green until August 1877. W. A. Pool until October 1882. J. B. Marsh until February 1884. J. P. Gwaltney until August 1889. W. A. Pool until September 1891. J. P. Gwaltney until September 1902. D. W. Pool until November 1912. J. P. Gwaltney until September 1918. E. V. Bumgarner until January 1928. A. E. Watts was called and is still the pastor.

W. M. Lackey, Thos. Hudson, Jr., J. R. Gwaltney, J. N. Lackey, W. P. Ingram, S. G. Stout were ordained Deacons.

J. L. Davis served as church clerk for eighteen years, then W. P. Ingram was elected and served until February 1892. Then W. J. Davis and R. Hines temporarly until May 1892, W. M. Lackey until May 1894, W. J. Davis until October 1900, R. Lee Davis until September 1903. B. F. Patterson until September 1922 when S. F. Cook was elected and is still serving.

The present deacons are Z. B. Sharpe, J. C. Sharpe, A. Q. Patterson, A. H. Thomas, T. G. Teague, J. W. Hines, J. A. Campbell and S. F. Cook.

Sulphur Springs cemetery is the last resting place of our beloved pastor and Brother L. P. Gwaltney.

Elders J. P. Gwaltney, I. W. Thomas, and R. Lee Davis have been ordained to the ministry in this church. The splendid edifice now used for worship was completed in 1886 some 200 yards south-west of the original one, about two miles north of Hiddenite.

G. L. Chatham, Historian

OBITUARY

Antioch—Mr. Andrew Munday, Mrs. Hellen T. McRary, Mr. Powell Austin.

Bethel—Mr. Noal Campbell, Mrs. Tula Davis.

Bethlehem—Mr. Taylor Johnson, Mr. Vance Davis, Mr. Elkana Benfield, Miss Rena Teague.

Concord—Mr. Henry Sherill.

Damascus—Mrs. Jane Hartness, Deacon I. N. Smith, Miss Lucy Martin, Miss Elizabeth H. Edwards.

Dover—Deacon W. D. Mooney.

East Taylorsville—Deacon H. A. Childers.

Fair View—Mrs. H. M. Paige.

Linney's Grove—Elder J. P. Gwaltney, Mrs. J. W. McCurdy, Mrs. A. E. Millsaps.

Macedonia—Mrs. Martha A. Fincannon, Mrs. Catherine Wilson Watts.

Millersville—Mrs. Mary Warren.

Mt. Hermon—Mrs. A. L. Johnson.

Mt. Olive—Mr. John T. Lowe, Mrs. N. L. C. Fortner.

Mt. Nebo—W. P. Blankenship.

Mt. Hebron—Carolina Goforth.

Sulphur Springs—Mr. Ernest Lackey, Mr. C. Y. Teague, Miss Mary Dunn.

Stony Point—Mr. Ray Foy, Mr. D. E. Gryder, Mr. F. A. Ingram, Mrs. Mattie Daniels.

Taylorsville—Mrs. Lafayette Broyhill, Mr. A. M. St. Clair.

Taylor Springs—Mr. F. L. Williams, Mr. Pinkey Shoemaker

White Plains—Deacon J. F. Adams.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following is a record of funds that have passed through my hands as Associational Treasurer. Most of the Orphanage funds have been sent direct to the Orphanage, as they should be. Some of the Missions funds were sent direct to Brother Blalock, and all of the Co-operative Program funds were sent direct, by the church Treasurers.

Please leave all Mission funds with me or T. C. Barnes at the Merchants and Farmers Bank by the 5th of each month so that your contributions may be sent to Brother Blalock monthly, and thank you.

TREASURER'S REPORT of receipts for this Associational year	Missions	Orphanage	Minutes
Antioch	$	$	$ .95
Bethany	5.22		1.95
Bethel	6.50		.85
Bethlehem			1.60
Concord		2.00	.90
Damascus	6.06		1.35
Dover			.50
East Taylorsville	19.15		2.51
Fairview	12.21		2.00
Gays Chapel			.75
Hiddenite	11.94		1.75
Lebanon			.50
Liledoun			.60
Linneys Grove	20.25		1.80
Little River			1.00
Macedonia			1.00
Millersville			.90
Mount Hebron			.75
Mount Hermon			.75
Mount Nebo			.50
Mount Olive	4.15		1.97
Pilgrim			1.70
Pleasant Grove			1.75
Pleasant Hill	8.90		2.35
Poplar Springs			.50
Sulphur Springs	14.98	3.00	1.45
Stony Point			2.60
Smyrna			
Taylorsville	22.37		3.82
Taylor Springs	1.65		1.50
Three Forks	7.50		1.50
White Plains	12.97		1.20
Association Collection	22.06		
TOTAL	$175.91	$5.00	$43.25
Disbursements:			
To T. L. Blalock, March 22, 1932	62.64		
To T. L. Blalock, October 8, 1932	113.27		
To Orphanage October 8, 1932		5.00	
To R. B. McLeod, Clerk for minutes			43.25
TOTAL	$175.91	$5.00	$43.25

Chas. E. Echerd, Treasurer.

TABLE I.—CHURCH AND POSTOFFICE

CHURCH	CLERK AND POSTOFFICE	PASTOR AND POSTOFFICE	When Constituted	Time of Preaching	Gains			Loss			
					Baptisms	Letters	Restoration	Dismissions	Letters	Deaths	Totals
Antioch	J. L. Teague, Hickory, R. 2	V. W. Teague, Taylorsville, R. 4	1826	1&3	23	1	3	3	8	3	133
Bethany	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	E. E. Pool, Gilreath, R.	1892	4	15	2	0	7	11	0	185
Bethel	S. I. Watts, Boomer	S. C. Campbell, Taylorsville, R. 3	1800	3	25	4	0	1	5	2	217
Bethlehem	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	R. Lee Teague, Bentley	1871	1	21	16	0	4	10	4	282
Concord	J. C. Yates, Statesville	N. R. Martin, Stony Point, R. 1	1852	2&4	5	6	0	0	5	1	233
Damascus	G. D. White, Statesville, R. 5	Maggie McLean, Statesville, R. 2	1839	1	3	0	0	0	3	4	212
Dover	S. I. Watts, Boomer	Fred A. Pennell, Taylorsville R. 4	1833	4	7	1	0	0	1	1	206
East Taylorsville	C. C. Holland, Stony Point	R. L. Chamberlain, Taylorsville	1924	1&3	35	21	0	0	4	1	205
Fair View	G. D. White, Statesville, R. 5	J. W. Querry, Hiddenite, R.	1922	3	15	4	0	0	2	0	87
Gay's Chapel	C. F. Friday, Taylorsville	Mrs. W. G. Ellis, Elmwood, R. 1	1885	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	63
Hiddenite	C. C. Holland, Stony Point	J. W. Hendren, Hiddenite	1915	2	5	1	0	0	0	0	91
Lebanon	W. T. Comer, Stony Point	G. W. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	1884	4	0	0	0	0	2	1	82
Liledoun	S. I. Watts, Boomer	C. A. Smith, Taylorsville, R. 4	1906	2&4	2	6	0	1	6	0	210
Linney's Grove	G. D. White, Statesville, R. 5	J. F. Baker, Hiddenite R.	1895	3	2	3	0	0	4	3	129
Little River	F. C. Watts, Purlear, N. C.	N. C. Deal, Taylorsville, R. 2	1792	3	14	1	3	0	0	0	136
Macedonia	S. I. Watts, Boomer	W. P. Smith, Taylorsville		1	9	2	0	0	1	2	122
Millersville	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville	J. H. Faircloth, Taylorsville, R.	1923	1&3	5	0	0	39	0	1	73
Mt. Hermon	S. I. Watts, Boomer	P. E. Johnson, Taylorsville, R. 4	1912	2	31	0	0	0	4	1	179
Mt. Olive	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	R. T. Lowe, Poers Knob, R.	1865	4	6	7	0	0	3	2	184
Mt. Nebo	R. S. Stevenson, Taylorsville	C. A. Burgess, Stony Point	1906	4	7	1	0	0	0	1	94
Mt. Hebron	L. E. Barnes, Hiddenite	C. C. Deal, Taylorsville, R. 2	1915	3	15	2	0	0	3	1	120
Pilgrim	L. E. Barnes, Hiddenite	J. M. Querry, Hiddenite	1836	2	18	1	0	0	1	0	175
Pleasant Grove	L. E. Barnes, Hiddenite	Troy Sloan, Stony Point	1900	4	14	4	0	0	0	0	121
Pleasant Hill	L. E. Barnes, Hiddenite	Jeffie Danies, Taylorsville	1852	1	9	2	1	1	7	0	147
Poplar Springs	S. I. Watts, Boomer	W. E. Crouch, Taylorsville, R. 2	1872	1	10	3	0	2	2	0	183
Sulphur Springs	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	S. F. Cook, Hiddenite	1867	3	13	2	0	3	4	3	180
Stony Point	C. C. Holland, Stony Point	W. Y. Ball, Stony Point	1909	1&3	38	7	0	0	6	4	333
Smyrna	C. W. Teague, Taylorsville	Parks Icenhour, Taylorsville	1923	2&4	1	1	0	0	14	0	83
Taylorsville	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville	1851	1,2,3	7	8	0	0	8	2	279
Taylor Springs	G. D. White, Statesville, R. 5	D. L. Williams, New Hope	1852	1	19	1	0	9	5	2	200
Three Forks	J. W. Watts, Patterson	R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville, R. 4	1857	3	57	9	0	0	7	0	329
White Plains	J. W. Watts, Patterson	R. M. Gant, Taylorsville, R. 2	1912	2	10	0	0	0	11	1	199

TABLE II—SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCH	SUPERINTENDENT & POSTOFFICE	Officers and Teachers	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Totals	Average Att.	Baptisms from S. S.	Gifts from S. S
Antioch	Edd Hollar, Granite Falls, R. 1	10	20	18	24	28	20	40	160	90	14	$ 19.10
Bethany	F. B. Hendren, Pores Knob	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	72	0	
Bethel	S. C. Campbell, Taylorsville, R. 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	
Bethlehem	A. O. Hefner, Hickory	11	7	22	20	14	33	36	148	64	14	
Concord	N. R. Martin, Stony Point R. 1	6	15	0	18	7	25	28	99	68	0	12.00
Damascus	A. A. Leach, Statesville, R. 5	5	0	12	12	0	20	23	67	40	3	15.17
Dover	Edd Mooney, Taylorsville, R. 4	4	10	0	10	0	0	25	54	30	0	5.00
East Taylorsville	J. Maurice Barnes, Taylorsville	0	15	44	43	12	70	35	219	100	0	20.70
Fair View	W. B. Hendren, Hiddenite	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	90	56	14	14.86
Gay's Chapel	Allen Starrette, Elmwood	7	12	0	8	18	0	8	50	30	3	12.25
Hiddenite	J. W. Hendren, Hiddenite	11	5	13	13	16	23	20	109	68	5	26.14
Leabnon	W. J. Bumgarner, Taylorsville, R. 2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	
Liledoun	Clyde Robinson, Taylorsville	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	113	60	0	20.30
Linney's Grove	C. J. Gwaltney, Hiddenite	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	
Little River	T. Z. Webster, Taylorsville, R. 2	8	0	14	10	18	0	15	65	30	0	12.96
Millersville	J. H. Faircloth, Taylorsville, R. 1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	110	77	5	27.39
Mt. Hermon	L. C. Echerd, Taylorsville R. 4	7	12	0	21	40	0	20	100	75	27	13.84
Mt. Olive	Ralph Russell, Pores Knob, R. 2	8	12	8	8	10	21	36	103	44	3	23.00
Mt. Nebo	J. T. Christopher, Stony Point	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	19	0	
Mt. Hebron	David McGee, Pores Knob R. 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	0	0	
Pilgrim	W. R. Fox, New Hope	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	85	0	0	
Pleasant Grove	L. S. Johnson, Stony Point, R. 2	8	0	25	0	21	0	51	105	57	14	17.36
Pleasant Hill	J. G. Deal, Taylorsville, R. 3	7	15	0	19	17	10	13	81	25	0	4.65
Poplar Springs	W. E. Crouch, Taylorsville, R. 2	3	10	8	0	15	0	20	56	35	0	
Sulphur Springs	A. O. Patterson, Hiddenite	10	10	0	0	33	40	35	128	77	0	35.14
Stony Point	A. F. Ball, Stony Point	10	24	33	24	28	28	85	232	163	34	105.08
Smyrna	R. W. Teague, Taylorsville, R.	11	5	5	11	5	6	18	79	40	1	15.00
Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville	19	52	65	60	34	38	95	356	147	7	103.18
Taylor Springs	C. C. Redmon, New Hope	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	125	65	0	
Three Forks	S. W. Rogers, Taylorsville, R. 2	7	10	10	12	13	35	35	122	75	17	7.33
White Plains	J. A. Icenhour, Taylorsville, R. 2	6	16	10	15	5	11	22	83	50	5	15.79
		193	250	287	328	334	380	660	3213	708	166	$ 456.22

TABLE—III

FINANCIAL

CHURCH

CHURCH	Pastors Salary	Other Objects	Ministerial Help	Minute Fund	Gifts to Co-op. Program	Missions	Orphanage	Grand Total	Value of Church Property
Antioch	$ 90.00	$	$ 24.00	$ .90	$ 3.25	$ 5.10	$	$ 122.35	$ 1,000.00
Bethany	155.00		25.85	1.95		19.30	22.05	224.25	300.00
Bethel	60.00		20.00	.85		6.50	5.50	92.85	
Bethlehem	207.00	50.31	26.50	1.65		8.35		293.16	2,000.00
Concord	75.00	13.05	25.00	.75		3.10	4.75	121.65	2,500.00
Damascus	94.00	8.17	31.90	1.35		60.67	14.88	211.33	1,500.00
Dover	95.52		7.50	.50				153.52	1,600.00
East Taylorsville	120.00	156.85	26.80	1.50		22.10	14.80	317.80	1,600.00
Fair View	35.40		20.55	2.00		12.21	9.69	79.85	1,000.00
Gay's Chapel		1.50		.75			2.50	4.75	1,000.00
Hiddenite	252.45	92.07	26.00	2.60	28.19	5.25	29.57	373.12	5,350.00
Lebanon	90.95	3.00		.50				94.45	
Liledoun	100.00			.60				100.60	
Linney's Grove	99.00		20.60	1.80		20.25	12.65	154.30	800.00
Little River	52.00		12.90	1.00			19.64	85.54	1,000.00
Macedonia	60.00		15.00	1.00				76.00	1,000.00
Millersville	114.14	10.32	16.00	1.00			14.96	145 28	3,000.00
Mt. Hermon	100.97	14.05	10.00	1.50			4.70	131.22	1,500.00
Mt. Olive	102.31	24.60	23.25	1.97	27.85	4.15	41.50	257.63	2,000.00
Mt. Nebo	27.95		11.50				3.50	42.95	2,000.00
Mt. Hebron				.75				.75	
Pilgrim				1.70				1.70	
Pleasant Grove	82.00	26.65	27.15	1.75		5.00	12.90	155.45	1,500.00
Pleasant Hill	60.00	3.25	19.00	2.35				84.60	1,000.00
Popular Springs				.50				.50	
Sulphur Springs	141.40	12.00	20.00	1.30		14.98	12.07	202.43	3,500.00
Stony Point	274.15	126.96	49.05	1.60			68.67	520.43	2,500.00
Smyrna	75.00	47.75	25.00	1.75	9.50		14.76	163.76	4,000.00
Taylorsville	437.38	74.81	54.29	4.00		33 91		604.39	8,000.00
Taylor Springs	88.00	25.00	35.50	1.50	5.00	9.65	10.31	174.96	1,500.00
Three Forks	127.48	8.32	50.15	2.50		7.50		194.95	2,000.00
White Plains	77.95		16.25	1 20		12.27		107.67	1,500.00
Total	$3281.05	$728.86	$636.74	$45.07	$64.79	$250.29	$320.40	$5494.13	$54,650.00

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BY ORDER OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Association feels that it is carrying on God's work. It also feels that the love for the work is wanting and looks upon it with great sorrow. It urges that the ministers and all God fearing men and women will implore God to revive us to our duty that next years Association may see a great gain in God's work, and that more interest may be shown by attending the Association.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Antioch ---------- Jack Keller
Dover ---------- F. A. Pennell
Bethel ---------- L. E. Barnes
Concord ---------- Claude Gant
East Taylorsville ---------- B. F. Peeler
Hiddenite ---------- D. W. Pool
Linney's Grove ---------- W. E. Linney
Mt. Hermon ---------- W. O. Johnson
Mt. Olive ---------- J. S. Stevenson
Stony Point ---------- C. C. Holland & W. T. Comer
Smyrna ---------- C. W. Teague
Taylorsville ---------- A. E. Watts
Taylor Springs ---------- L. T. Younger, & D. C. Thompson
Three Forks ---------- Levi W. Teague
White Plains ---------- C. F. Friday
Lebanon ---------- J. W. Bumgarner & E. V. Bumgarner

FIRST DAY WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 4, 1934

11:00 The Association was opened by singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arm."

Introductory sermon by Rev. A. T. Howell, of Kings Mountain. Text Romans 12: 1 and Exodis 10: 26.

INTERMISSION

1:00 p. m. The Association called to order by the Moderator J. L. Gwaltney, prayer by Rev. J. M. Shaver.

By motion of Rev. C. C. Holland the present officers were re-elected by acclamation to wit:

Moderator ---------- J. L. Gwaltney

Clerk ---------- R. B. McLeod

Historian ---------- G. L. Chatham

Treasurer ---------- C. E. Echerd

Brother Echerd then resigned as treasurer of the Association and G. L. Chatham was elected to that office.

The following brethern were seated with us by the Moderator, Rev. W. C. Meadows of the Brushy Mountain Association; J. M. Shaver, of Caldwell; A. T. Howell of Kings Mountain, J. W. Rash of South Yadkin and T. L. Blalock.

The following churches were enrolled:
Antioch—H. B. Oxford, Quince Keller, Cub Taylor.
Bethany—E. E. Pool, Odell Moore, J. E. Hendren.
Bethel—S. C. Campbell, Fleet Millsaps, J. L. Smith.
Bethlehem—A. O. Hefner.
Concord—N. R. Martin, Jay Fox, F. L. Gryder.
Damascus—R. N. Sloan, A. A. Leach, R. D. Gooden.
Dover—Ed Mooney, F. A. Pennell.
East Taylorsville—J. A. Webster, Van Baker, T. J. Fortner.
Fair View—John Cook, Tom Meadows, Horace Fox.
Gav's Chapel—G. L. Deal, M. B. Cashion, Mrs. Nola Baity.
Hiddenite—J. W. Hendren, D. Fred Milstead.
Liledoun—N. A. Fox, Clyde Robinson.
Linney's Grove—J. F. Baker, W. F. McLain, B. P. Childers.
Macedonia—W. P. Smith, J. L. Dagenhart, J. M. Stikeleather
Mt. Hermon—J. B. Echerd, L. C. Echerd.
Mt. Olive—By letter.
Mt. Nebo—C. A. Burgess, J. T. Christopher, D. A. Sharpe.
Mt. Hebron—C. C. Deal, Clarence Daniels, Ray Clanton.
Pilgrim—J. M. Querry, W. G. Mayberry.
Pleasant Hill—Jeffie Danies, Z. V. Childers, J. Z. Harrington
Stony Point—N. P. Stout, H. B. Thomas, W. Y. Ball.
Taylorsville—A. C. Payne, James Harrington.
Taylor Springs—D. L. Williams, L. T. Younger, C. A. Bustle
Three Forks—R. B. McLeod.
White Plains—G. L. Chatham, B. L. Grant

By motion of Rev. A. E. Watts the reading of letters was dispensed with.

The report of Church and Pastorial Relation was called and read by Rev. J. W. Rash who was substituted as chairman of the committee.

REPORT OF CHURCH AND PASTORAL RELATION

We beseech you brethern, to know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you; to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake, and be at peace among your selves.

Take heed unto your selves and to all the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseer to feed the Church of God which he has purchased with his own blood.

This is God's own pattern for these important relations.

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. Rash.

It was ably discussed by Rev. J. W. Rash, T. L. Blalock, A. T. Howell and G. C. Teague, and adopted.

The Report on Sunday School was called and read by Rev. L. T. Younger, who read the first paragraph of last years report.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Surely the time has passed when it is necessary to argue the need, importance, and glory of the Sunday School. It has long since proved it's worth by the things it has accomplished. Whenever you find a well organized Sunday School you have or will have a strong church.

Brother C. E. Echerd then offered the following supplement:

That as individual schools we adopt some worthy objectives, and then work some plan whereby we may reach those objectives. If we have no objectives then we will find ourselves going around in a circle and merely beating the air. One may look high and land low, but one will never look low and land high. We are to f-i-s-h for men, F-i-n-d them, I-nterest them, S-ave them and H-old them.

The report was discussed by Revs. A. T. Howell, C. C. Holland, W. C. Meadows, Jack Keller and adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following committees.

Nominations—A. E. Watts, E. E. Pool and Frank McLain.

Digest of church letters—J. W. Hendren, D. Fred Milstead, Jack Keller.

Finance—G. L. Chatham, R. L. Grant, C. E. Echerd.

Religious Exercise—A. E. Watts and messengers of Macedonia church.

The report of the Associational Sunday School Convention held with Stony Point church was read by C. E. Echerd. At the last meeting of this Association held with Sulphur Springs church, October 5-7, 1932, C. C. Holland, C. W. Teague and Chas E. Echerd were appointed a committee to make a program for an Associational Sunday School Convention.

This convention was held with the Stony Point Baptist church Saturday, April 29th, 1933. At 10 A. M. the meeting was called to order by Moderator, J. L. Gwaltney. Chas E. Echerd was appointed secretary of the meeting.

Those taking part on the program, as appeared on page nine of the minutes of last year, were: W. T. Comer, L. T. Younger, A. E. Watts, Clarence W. Teague, Chas E. Echerd, Grover C. Teague, A. Frank Sharpe, C. C. Holland, and Mrs. C. W. Teague. The sermon at 11 o'clock was preached by Rev. Clyde Yates of Statesville, C. C. McKoin represented the Mills Home at Thomasville bringing with him, Owen and Douglas Koontz, and Lola Fay, Tommie and Nona Mae Smith, the five chldren in the home from Alexander County.

Special songs by Z. Miller Freeman, Western Ave Baptist church, Statesville, and by Misses Martha Sue Fincannon and Virginia Belle Watts added to the pleasure of the meeting.

A bountiful dinner was served on the grounds by the Stony Point church.

About sixty percent of the churches in this association were represented by delegates, many of whom expressed their desire that this associational Sunday School Convention should be annual. The Taylorsville church has already extended an invitation for the next meeting.

Chas. E. Echerd, Secretary.

The Moderator appointed the following committee to name time and place ect. for the next convention; A. E. Watts, C. C. Holland and C. E. Echerd. This committee selected Saturday, April 28, 1934, place Taylorsville Baptist church.

PROGRAM

9:45—Devotion ---------- B. F. Peeler

9:55—Organization

10:00—What contribution may the pastor make to the Sunday School ---------- Grover Teague and Jack Keller.

10:30—Qualifications of a Sunday School teacher—A. E. Watts.

10:50—Parents responsibilities and opportunities in the Sunday School—A. C. Payne.

11:15—The Sunday School obligation to the preaching service—E. V. Bumgarner.

11:30—Sermon—T. E. Payne.

12:00—Dinner.

1:00—Echoes from the Sunday School, led by D. Fred Milstead.

1:45—What is a Sunday School revival—C. C. Holland and Miss Alberta Poe.

2:15—Miscellaneous

2:25—Music

2:30—The Mills Home—J. G. Greer.

Let every church and Sunday School select messengers to this convention.

By motion the clerk was to have the constitution and by-laws of the Association printed in this years minutes.

Religious Exercise for tomorrow; 11:00 a. m. Sermon by Rev. T. E. Payne.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1933

10:00 a. m. The Association met as pre-adjournment. Prayer by Rev. D. W. Pool. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Visiting brethern were invited and Rev. C. A. Upchurch of Raleigh was welcomed to a seat by the Moderator.

Delinquent churches were called and the following presented letters:

Little River—T. Z. Webster.

Sulphur Springs—T. G. Teague, John Teague.

The report on Missions was called; the committee not being present, the clerk read a report written by the chairman Rev. E. V. Bumgarner, in the minute of 1923.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

It is a striking fact that during the early ministery of our Lord. He said very little about missions, but during His later ministery from His crucification to His ascention He spoke of nothing else.

On the several occasions when He discoursed Missions He always spoke as a master of His Disciples, as a Captain would address his soldiers, as a king would address his subjects. At other times He suggested, He exhorted, He urged. But there, without exception and without equivocation He commanded. In full knowledge of the terrible cost with allowing any escape from the obligation imposed He simply said; "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

Missions therefore stand immovable in the purpose of God. They are the corner stone and the crown in the fabric of the christian church. You can not divorce the church and missions. The question is not so much whether the brethern can be saved without the gospel, but whether the gospel can be saved for the home church if it is not given to the heathen.

Paul said in Romans, "How shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe on Him of whom they have not heard? and how can they hear without a peacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?

We deplore the indifference among our people to this phase of kingdom service and would urge the pastors of our Association to lay this work often and earnestly upon the hearts of our people and that at least contributions be made quartly to this worthy cause.

Signed, E. V. Bumgarner.

The hour was given to Brother Blalock, who explained why he was a faith missionary. The report was adopted.

A collection was taken for missions. Amount $12.61.

11:00 a. m. Sermon by Rev. T. E. Payne, Text; Matt. 6: 33. Intermission.

1:00 p. m. Delinquent churches were called for and Smyrna was enrolled with messengers—F. W. Teague, Cara Bowman, C. W. Cline.

Visiting brethern were invited and Rev. J. L. Tteague of Hickory was welcomed by the Moderator.

The Report on Fundamental Doctrines was called and read by Rev. A. E. Watts chairman.

REPORT ON FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES

Fundamental Doctrines are those principles and truths that support the whole system of the Christian Religion, and defined in the light of God's word and in human experience are to true christianity what the foundation is to a building, hence the vital importance of firmly anchoring to them.

Your committee would urge the importance of guarding with great care the Fundamental Doctrines. We would mention and emphasize: The inspiration of the Bible. The love of God. The power of prayer. The deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. The redemptive work of Christ. The universal depravity of the human race, conviction of sin, genuine repentance. Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation. A life of obedience and righteousness, as an evidence of regeneration and accepting as our first christian duty. The privilege of being a witness, a representative, a missionary for our Lord and Master.

Here are the fundamentals; "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee". 1 Timothy 4: 16.

Respectfully submitted.

A. E. Watts for the committee.

Was very ably discussed by Brother Watts and adopted.

The report on Duties to the Poor was called, the clerk read a report from the 1923 minutes which is:

REPORT ON DUTIES TO THE POOR

Our Savior on one occasion, in answer to a question said: "The poor you have with you always and when ye will ye may do them good". We rejoice that we live in this day when the principles of our Divine Master have so permitted the masses of the human family that institutions are provided for the poor in every county; but this provision does not exempt the church of the living God from providing for the helpless poor of its own church.

The spirit of Christanity has prompted the Baptist of North Carolina to build and equip a home at Thomasville for the fatherless and motherless children of our deceased brethern. We are rejoiced to know that the appointments are such that children as orphans are trained for time and eternity.

We pray for the widows and orphans; we believe that it is right that they should be cared for but, brethern, James says, "Faith without works is dead". Let us bear a liberal part of this great work. See Deut. 15: 11, Acts 6:1-6.

Respectfully submitted

R. B. McLeod, for committee.

Was discussed by Revs. C. F. Friday, J. A. Webster, W. C. Meadows, and adopted.

By motion of Rev. A. E. Watts the Moderator appointed a committee consisting of R. B. McLeod, A. E. Watts and B. F. Peeler to foster the Thanksgiving offerings to the Mills Home.

The Report on Giving, its Doctrine and Practice, was called and read by Rev. J. L. Teague, chairman.

GIVING ITS DOCTRINE AND PRACTICE

The clear teaching of both the Old Testament and the New concerning Christian giving are so unmistakable that we need not offer proof here. We regret very much that the Lord's people do not appear to be following and putting into practice these teachings as fully as we feel they ought. We feel that no child of God, whether rich or poor can withhold his gift from the Lord without becoming poorer in his spiritual life. It is clearly taught in His work that God does not need our gifts, (for all things are His), but that we need this means of growth in grace. Therefore, it is for our good that we learn the Bible teachings concerning this grace and practice its percepts.

In olden times we read about Abraham's giving to Melchizedek a tithe, which was a voluntary offering, feeling that it was for his own good to do so. Later we find Jacob doing the same thing. The Lord was pleased with such offering and thought it good for all His people and had it incorporated in the law of Moses.

But, I hear someone say, the law was set aside with the coming of Christ. But the grace of giving in the name of the Lord, because we love Him, will never change. Let us then not urge this doctrine from the point of law, but as God's means of growth in grace, for many we believe are weak, and sickly among us because we have never devloped this grace.

The Apostle Paul in 1 Cor. 16: 2 gives us a plan for our giving. Here the Apostle says: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." Here is taught systematic and proportionate giving by all Christians.

How much shall I give, do you ask? If Abraham, Jacob and others who voluntarily, because the law was given, found it good for their spiritual growth to give the tenth, and if God gave His definite approval of this type of giving by placing it in the law of Moses then how much less ought we who live under the dispensation of grace, to give?

Yet, the Lord does not desire any gift of compulsion. Let our motive be that of love and desire to please the Lord. So then, "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."

Now let us say in conclusion that the man who shall lovingly, obediently and cheerfully find out the Lord's teachings and plan of giving and practice giving in the same spirit is God's nobleman.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. Teague,

B. F. Peeler, Committee.

Was discussed by Revs. J. L. Teague and B. F. Peeler and adopted.

Rev. A. C. Upchurch, representing the Dry Forces of American made an excellent speech urging the people of this Accociation to do what they could on November 7th to keep North Carolina dry. Religious exercises for tomorrow; 11:00 a. m. Sermon by Rev. B. F. Peeler.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 6, 1933

10:00 a. m. The Association met as pre-adjournment. Prayer by Brother J. B. Echerd. Delinquent churches were called, and Poplar Springs was represented by letter only. Visiting brethern were invited and Rev. J. A. McMillian from the Mills Home was welcomed by the Moderator.

The Report on Temperance was called and read by Brother A. C. Payne chairman, was discussed by Brother A. C. Payne, W. E. White, Rev. J. A. McMillian and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

Your committee, first of all, desires to recognize and record here a few of the injunctions taken from the Holy Bible, which Book contains the immutable law of temperance and law enforcement:

"For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to proverty; and drowsiness will clothe a man with rags" Prov. 23: 20.

"And as he reasoned of righetousness, and self-control (temperance), and the judgment to come, Felix was terrified, and answered. "Go thy way for this time; and when I have a convenient season, I will call thee unto me." Acts 24: 25.

"Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, to thee that addest thy venom (thereto), and makest him drunk also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness" Hab. 2: 15.

"Think not that I came to destroy the law or the prophets, I came not to destroy but to fulfil". Matt. 5: 17.

"For verily I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass away from the law, till all things be accomplished." Matt. 5:18.

"One only is the law giver and judge, even he who is able to save and destroy." Jas. 4:12.

We regret to see the intemperance abroad in our country today, and the seemingly disrespect for law among a great number of the people, and the breaking down of law enforcement. The disrespect for, and the failure to enforce the temperance laws of our country will eventually bring upon us dire calamity. We call upon the Christian citizenship of our county and State, to first obey the mandate of the law with respect to temperance, and to exert themselves to a greater effort in bringing about the enforcement of the laws of our State and Nation. They should rouse themselves to an intense appreciation of the evils and the terrors of intoxication, and should make an extratordinary effort to eradicate or at least to modify, so desolating and destructive a vice.

Respectfully submitted

A. C. Payne.

11:00 a. m. Sermon by Rev. B. F. Peeler, Text Gal. 6: 14.

INTERMISSION

1:00 p. m. Rev. J. A. McKaughan of Three Forks Association was welcomed to a seat by the Moderator.

Report on Evangelism was read by Rev. C. C. Holland chairman, was discussed by Rev. C. C. Holland and Brother C. E. Echerd and adopted.

EVANGELISM

"This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptations that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners of whom I am chief". 1 Timothy 1: 15. Here was the working out of the counsels of eternity. When God made the world He spake and it stood fast. When Jesus would save the world. "He made his son an offering for sin." Isaiah 53: 10.

Surely here then lies our sumpreme tasb. Earths mightest evangel said, "I am become all things to all men that by all means I might save some."

There are different types or agencies of Evangelism which God's blessings have been upon. First, Mass Evangelism, or Evangelism through mass meetings, or revivals, as Peter experiences at Penecost. Here we must continue to depend upon the preached word energized by the Holy Spirit, and backed by faithful earnest prayer. Here also earnest word ought to be given about the ministery of song. We have and will loose much in leaving the old hymns of the past, which were born out of deep experiences of the saints and martyers, and substitute the jazz of today which was born and published out of desire to make money.

Second: There is also great need today of personal Evangelism. We are swinging away from mass evangelism, perhaps because of its abuses in the day of Professional Evangelism. The fact is whether we like it or not, many are not going to revival meetings today, and if they are ever won will have to be as Jesus won the woman at the well and Philip the Eunich at the desert.

Third. The Sunday School is a mighty and ought to be a mightier force in the great task. Winning souls ought to be the objective of every Sunday School Superintendent and teacher.

The call to perform this task is coming to us as one has said in the past from four different directions.

First. Call from above "Whom shall I send"? Isa. 6: 8.

Second. Call from within. "Woe is me if I preach not." 1 Cor. 9:16.

Third. Calls from around us, "Sir, we would see Jesus". John 12: 21

Fourth. Call from below. "Send him back to my father's house". Luke 16: 27.

Are we answering these calls? The letter from the churches report, this year, 240 baptisms. Last year we reported 331 baptisms. A loss this year over last year of 91 baptisms. It took over 18 of us this year on an average to win one. Let every one win one, be our battle cry for our Christ as we look ahead.

Respectfully submitted

Chas. C. Holland

Chas. E. Echerd.

The Report on Spiritual state of the Churches was called, the report in the minutes of 1931 was read by Brother E. E. Pool. It was discussed by Brother E. E. Pool, J. B. Echerd, Rev. J. A. McKaughan, W. C. Meadows and adopted as follows:

SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE CHURCHES

We deplore the fact that the Spirituality of the Churches is very low. This may be caused by many human efforts instead of depending on the power of God.

2. Trying to become like other churches. Everything is a cut and dried conventional style.

3. Churches need and want a revival and they look to outside help or source for that revival. When they need to utilize their own possibilities and seeking God for the blessing needed.

We have preachers and church members who are over anxious and willing seemingly to go ahead of the spirit, filling up our churches with unregenerated members and think that there must be conversion without conviction, but let us never forget the words of our Lord who said, "No man come except the Father which hath sent me draw him, and I will bare him up at the last day". John 6:44.

5. Another cause is in the irregularity with which church members attend church. There are about one-third of the church members that attend church with some degree of regularity. They do not read their Bibles and pray at home but get in their automobile and ride away from their churches when the bells ringing, some fishing, some to summer resorts, some to swimming pools and the Lord know where the rest of them go.

6. The lack of loyalty to the church in a financial way will show that all the money that is paid into the churches is paid by about 35 per cent of the members. When the church needs and must have it, they resort to worldly means to get it: Ice cream, cold, and hot dog suppers. No church can hope for the power of God to rest upon them while they bring His house on the level with the world.

7. But very few churches produce their own ministers, but are depending upon other churches to supply them with ministers. It is not often that we hear any more the prayer that was voiced on the lips of our fathers: Lord the harvest is great, the labors are few, send forth more labors into thy vineyard. Let us all pray and labor to get back to the old time land marks set by our fathers.

Respectfully submitted,
E. E. Pool for the committee.

Motion of Brother W. E. White that next session of the Association to include Sunday was defeated.

Rev. J. A. McMillian of the Mills Home gave a very impressive talk in interest of the Mills Home. Collection for the orphanage $7.75.

Resolutions of thanks offered by the Association to Macedonia church for their hospitality.

Resolved:

Thanks of the officers and messengers of the session of Alexander Baptist Association for 1933 are due. and are hereby tendered to the members and organization of Macedonia for their gracious entertainment of all who attended the deliberation of this session.

We hope to meet you again with all of Christ's blood bought church at that great day for which all other days were made.

Adjorned till Wednesday before the second Sunday in October 1934.

Dismissed by Rev. W. C. Meadows.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

Missions—A. C. Payne, Fred A. Pennell, Howard Ford.
Giving its doctrine and practice—A. E. Watts, C. E. Echerd.
Temperance and Law Enforcement—E. V. Bumgarner and E. E. Pool.
Orphanage—J. L. Gwaltney. B. F. Peeler
Sunday Schools—W. O. Johnson, S. I. Watts.
Evangelism—G. C. Teague. R. B. McLeod.
Hospitals—C. C. Holland, A. E. Watts.
Religious Literature—C. C. Holland. D. Fred Milstead.
Spiritual State of the Churches—E. V. Bumgarner, Jack Keller.

MESSENGERS TO OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

Brier Creek—D. C. Thompson.
Caldwell—J. L. Gwaltney.
South Yadkin—C. C. Holland.
Brushy Mountain—A. C. Payne.
Baptist State Convention—A. C. Payne C. C. Holland, A. E. Watts.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Little River:

To preach introductory sermon ..... E. V. Bumgarner
Alternate ..... C. C. Holland

TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday and Thursday before the second Sunday in October 1934.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR 1934 ASSOCIATION

WEDNESDAY:
10:00—Organization.
10:30—Religious Literature.
11:00—Introductory Sermon
12:00—Intermission.
1:00—Call for delinquent churches. Visitors etc.
1:15—Orhpanage.
2:00—Giving its doctrine and practice.
2:40—Evangelism.
3:15—Miscellaneous.

THURSDAY:
10:00—Temperance and Law enforcement.
10:30—Misions.
11:15—Sermon.
12:00—Intermission.
1:00—Call for delinquent churches. Visitors etc. Sunday Schools.
2:00—Hospitals.
2:30—Spiritual State of the Churches.
3:00—Miscellaneous.

HISTORICAL WORK

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

The earliest traditional history of this church, places the organization of the church about the year 1840, with eight members, five male and three female members. The earliest records began the July meeting 1842. This record does not give the date of organization, name of presbytery, or constituent members, but says: "The church met, and after prayer, proceeded to the business of the day". It does not give the name of the moderator or clerk, and continues in this manner until 1869. Occasional mention is made of the names of Elders. Richards, Wm. Garner, Ferguson Cascadon, James Reed and Wm. Pool, who seems to have served short terms as pastors. During these twenty-seven years Wm. Gryder was church clerk. From 1869 until the present the church has been served by the following pastors: W. A. Pool Wm. pool, James Kerley, J. B. Pool E. David L. P. Gwaltney, J. A. White, J. J. Beach, J. M Shaver, W. J Bumgarner D W. Pool J W Watts R F Austin and S J Watts the present pastor I. M. Crouch was clerk from 1869 for three years then Hosea

Christopher for twenty-seven years. J. E. Chatham served until February 1915. J. M. Fox, served until March 1927. J. W. Fincannon until December 1929. W. P. Smith is the present clerk.

G. L. Chatham, Historian.

OBITUARIES

Antioch—Miss Jane Oxford.

Bethel—Mr. Mansfield Baker.

Concord—Mrs. C. A. Rector, Mrs. Martha Alexander, Mr. J. D. Pierce.

Damascus—Mrs. Pearl Mitchell McClelland.

Dover—Mrs. Sally Pennell, Mrs. Maude Teeters, Mr. Avery Johnson, Deacon J. R. Pennell.

East Taylorsville— Mr. Bliff Chamberlain.

Gays Chapel—Mr. R. M. Cloer, Mr. C. B. Vinson.

Liledoun—Mrs. Rebecca Fox.

Linneys Grove—Mr. W. C. Linney.

Little River—Mr. T. C. Barnes, Mrs. Martha Deal, Mr. Wade Deal.

Macedonia—Deacon J. E. Chatham, Mr. R. M. Stikeleather Miss Lois Jenkins Payne.

Millersville—Mrs. E. W. Spradley.

Mount Herman—Mr. Wilson Bumgarner, Mr. Maurice Stine.

Mount Olive—Mr. James Parlier, Mrs. R. Caroline Lambert, Mrs. M. L. Pearson.

Pilgrim—Mrs. Nancy Carson, Mrs. Almeade Mayberry.

Pleasant Grove—Mrs. Flora G. Sloan, Mrs. J. J. Levan, Mrs. C. L. Meadows.

Pleasant Hill—Sister Huldah M. Harrington.

Sulphur Springs—Mrs. Jemmima Gilreath, Mr. Will Steele, Mr. H. C. Cook.

Stony Point—Mrs. Betty Chamberlain, Miss Lula Brown.

Taylirsville—Mr. J. R. Carson.

Taylor Springs—Mrs. Nancy E. Dishmon, Mrs. Letta Jordon, Dishmon. Mrs. Amelia McDaniels.

Three Forks—Mr. W. W. Oliver.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. This union shall be known as Alexander Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II. Its object shall be the promotion of God's kingdom in the hearts of men.

Membership

ARTICLE III. It shall be composed of delegates elected by churches connected with this body, not more than three delegates from each church annually and all ordained ministers who are members of, or laboring in connection with, said churches.

Powers and Prerogatives

ARTICLE IV. The Association may advise the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption, but cannot bind them in any way.

ARTICLE V. As constituent members of the Association, the churches shall have the right to advice when desired in case of difficulty, and to suggest plans of usefulness to be adopted.

ARTICLE VI. The expense of the body shall be defrayed by annual voluntary contributions from the churches, sent by the delegates for that purpose.

ARTICLE VII. The Association may dissolve connection with any church that becomes heterodox in doctrine or disorderly in practice.

Government

ARTICLE VIII. A majority of the enrolled members at each session of the body shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE IX. Every question shall be decided by a majority of the votes if the members present.

ARTICLE X. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and Historian, who shall be elected at each annual session, and shall continue in office until the next annual election.

ARTICLE XI. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meetings of the body punctually at the time appointed, and exercise all the prerogative of a presiding officer according to the principles of established parliamentary usage.

ARTICLE XII. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faitful record of the proceedings of the body and superintend the printing and distributing of the same. He shall also keep three distinct files of the printed minutes and have them bound at the order of the Association.

ARTICLE XIII. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse all funds connected with the work of the Association as directed by the body, and to make an annual statement of the same.

ARTICLE IV. It shall be the duty of the Historian to prepare for publication in the minutes an historical sketch of the session, and of the church with which it is held, and other facts of present and past history.

ARTICLE XV. To facilitate the transaction of the business of the body, the Modertor shall at the beginning of the session, appoint committees of three members each on Religious Exercises, Nominations Digest of Church Letters, and Finance, whose work shall be reported to the body for adoption.

ARTICLE XVI. The Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Historian and Chairman of the Committee on Nominations shall from an Executive Board for the supervision of the work and business of the Association between sessions.

BY-LAWS

1. All meetings of this body shall be opened and closed with religious exercises.
2. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission from the body.
3. The Moderator may extend to visiting brethern all the privileges of the body, except that of voting, unless special objection be made.
4. The annual session of the Association shall be held with the churches in alphebetical order, unless otherwise ordered.
5. Any member of this Association attending bodies with whom we correspond, is hereby authorized to represent us in said bodies.
6. The Chairman of standing committees shall open the discussion upon the subject matter of their reports.

Contributions to Rev. T. L. Blalock, through Chas. E. Echerd, Treasurer, from Nov. 1. 1932 to the first day of the Association 1933.

Taylorsville Baptist church	$40.25
Stony Point Baptist church	21.12
East Taylorsville	14.85
Bethlehem	13.13
Three Forks	8.71
Fairview	6.09
Sulphur Springs	1.31
Linneys Grove	4.45
Total	$109.91

Much of the funds for Brother Blalock were handed to h'm as he visited the churches while home on furlough and your treasurer has no record of those amounts.

Below is listed the funds that passed through the hands of G. L. Chatham, Treasurer, at and during the meeting of the Association, at Macedonia. For T. L. Blalock:

Bethany	$5.57
Bethlehem	5.83
Linneys Grove	3.00
Sulphur Springs	10.00
J. L. Gwaltney, credit to Taylorsville Baptist church	5.00
Associational collection	12.01
Total	$42.01
For the Mills Home, Associational collection	$7.75
For Minute Fund	$47.86

TABLE I

CHURCH	PASTOR AND POSTOFFICE	CLERK AND POSTOFFICE	When Constituted	Time of Preaching	Gains			Loss			Totals
					Baptisms	Letters	Restoration	Dismission	Letters	Deaths	
Antioch	G. C. Teague, Graniite Falls.	V. W. Teague, Taylorsville, R. 4.	1826	1&3	11	5	0	2	0	0	152
Bethany	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville.	E. E. Pool, Gilreath, R.	1892	1	11	3	2	1	0	1	152
Bethel	S. I. Watts, Boomer.	E. F. Millsaps, Hiddenite, R. 1.	1800	2	3	1	0	0	0	1	220
Bethlehem	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville.	R. Lee Teague, Bentley.	1871	1	3	0	0	1	2	1	281
Concord	J. C. Yates, Statesville.	N. R. Martin, Stony Point.	1852	1&3	1	0	0	0	2	3	229
Damascus	G. D. White, Statesville, R. 5.	Maggie McLain, Statesville, R.	1839	1	1	1	0	0	4	1	209
Dover	S. I. Watts, Boomer	F. A. Pennell, Taylorsville, R. 4.	1833	4	9	5	0	0	5	4	211
East Taylorsville	C. C. Holland, Stony Point.	R. L. Chamberlain, Taylorsville.	1924	2&4	8	14	0	0	2	1	227
Fair View	G. D. White, Statesville, R. 5.	J. W. Querry, Hiddenite, R. 1.	1921	4	14	4	0	0	0	0	105
Gay's Chapel	C. F. Friday, Taylorsville	W. G. Ellis, Elmwood, R. 1.		2	8	8	0	0	0	2	77
Hiddenite	C. C. Holland, Stony Point.	J. W. Hendren Hiddenite.									
Lebanon			1915	1&4	5	8	0	0	2	0	102
Liledoun	S. I. Watts, Boomer.	C. A. Smith, Taylorsville, R. 4.	1906	2&4	21	4	0	5	4	1	225
Linney's Grove	G. D. White, Statesville, R. 5.	J. F. Baker, Hiddenite.	1895	4	1	5	0	0	1	1	
Little River	F. C. Watts, Purlear.	N. C. Deal, Taylorsville, R. 2.	1792	3	0	2	0	0	1	3	134
Macedonia	S. I. Watts, Boomer.	W. P. Smith, Taylorsville.		1	1	0	0	0	0	3	120
Millersville	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville.	J. H. Faircloth, Taylorsville.	1923	2	0	1	0	0	4	1	69
Mt. Hermon	S. I. Watts, Boomer.	P. E. Johnson, Taylorsville, R. 4.	1912	2	6	0	0	0	1	2	190
Mt. Olive	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville.	R. T. Lowe, Pores Knob.	1865	1	11	0	0	3	7	3	168
Mt. Nebo	J. S. Stevenson, Taylorsville.	C. A. Burgess, Stony Point, R.		3	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Mt. Hebron	L. E. Barnes, Hiddenite.	C. C. Deal, Tavlorsville.	1915	4	6	4	0	3	5	1	129
Pilgrim	L. E. Barnes, Hiddenite.	J. M. Querry, Hiddenite.	1837	2	4	0	0	0	3	2	174
Pleasant Grove	L. E. Barnes, Hiddenite.	Lincoln Childers, Stony Point.	1837	2	4	0	0	1	3	2	123
Pleasant Hill	L. E. Barnes, Hiddenite.	Jeffie Daniels, Taylorsville.		1	15	0	0	0	0	1	160
Poplar Springs	F. A. Pennell, Taylorsville.	W. E. Crouch, Taylorsville, R. 2.		1	19	4	2	2	4	0	202
Sulphur Springs	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville.	S. F. Cook, Hiddenite.	1867	3	5	2	0	0	5	3	179
Stony Point	C. C. Holland, Stony Point.	W. Y. Ball, Stony Point.	1909	1&3	7	6	0	0	4	3	228
Smyrna	Jack Keller, Taylorsville.	Parks Icenhour, Statesville.	1923	2&4	0	0	0	0	7	0	76
Taylorsville	C. C. Holland, Stony Point.	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville.	1851	2&4	1	5	0	1	1	1	282
Taylor Springs	G. D. White, Statesville, R. 5.	D. L. Williams, New Hope.	1852		3	14	3	2	4	3	3	209
Three Forks	J. W. Watts, Lenoir, R. 3.	R. B. McLeod, Taylorsville, R. 4.	1857		3	21	9	0	0	6	1	352
White Plains	S. I. Watts, Boomer.	R. M. Grant, Taylorsville, R. 2.	1912		2	33	0	0	0	3	0	221
		Total			243	94	4	20	79	45	5215

TABLE II—SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCH	SUPERINTENDENT & POSTOFFICE	Officers and Teachers	Beginners	Primary	Juniors	Intermediates	Adults	Total	Average	Baptisms from S. S.	Gifts
Antioch	Edd Hollar, Granite Falls, R. 1	11	20	25	25	30	70	176	00	11	$ 25.80
Bethany	Edgar Hendren, Pores Knob.	0	0	0	0	0	0	117	0	0	0.00
Bethel	J. W. McCurdy, Taylorsville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Bethlehem	A. O. Hefner, Hickory	9	16	7	16	20	41	129	0	2	41.66
Concord	N. R. Martin, Stony Point.	7	15	0	12	25	30	90	0	0	12.00
Damascus	A. A. Leach, Statesville.	5	0	12	13	16	26	67	0	1	15.17
Dover	Edd Mooney, Taylorsville, R. 4.	0	10	0	10	0	25	45	0	9	0.00
East Taylorsville	T. J. Fortner, Taylorsville.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Fair View	W. B. Hendren, Hiddenite.	8	0	0	0	0	0	112	0	12	14.86
Gay's Chapel	Allen Starrette, Elmwood.	8	24	0	24	22	0	94	0	8	4.00
Hiddenite	D. Fred Milstead, Hiddenite.	11	10	13	13	10	60	117	0	2	6.14
Lebanon		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Liledoun	Carl Mc. Moose, Taylorsville.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13.79
Linneys Grove	C. J. Gwaltney, Hiddenite.	8	0	0	0	0	0	88	0	0	0.00
Little River	T. Z. Webster, Taylorsville.	7	8	10	10	12	0	57	35	0	0.00
Macedonia	G. L. Chatham, Taylorsville.	6	0	12	10	15	32	75	71	0	0.00
Millersville	E. C. Long, Taylorsville.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9.19
Mt. Hermon	L. C. Echerd, Taylorsville	8	18	0	24	32	20	104	0	5	11.01
Mt. Olive	Ralph Russel, Pores Knob	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	0	0	0.00
Mt. Hebron	C. C. Deal, Taylorsville.	5	0	25	0	33	30	93	0	0	0.00
Mt. Nebo		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Pilgrim	W. R. Fox, New Hope.	6	0	0	0	0	0	83	0	4	0.00
Pleasant Grove	L. S. Johnson, Stony Point.	8	0	21	0	16	47	92	0	4	17.36
Pleasant Hill	J. G. Deal, Taylorsville.	9	0	0	0	0	0	127	0	0	0.00
Poplar Springs	W. E. Crouch, Taylorsville, R. 2.	6	0	15	19	0	12	52	0	0	0.00
Sulphur Springs	T. G. Teague, Hiddenite.	9	15	10	10	15	76	135	0	0	36.04
Stony Point	A. F. Ball, Stony Point.	13	0	0	0	0	0	353	0	5	440.60
Smyrna	B. W. Teague. Taylorsville, R. 4.	8	8	10	8	12	18	71	0	1	0.00
Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville.	15	41	31	42	44	150	323	0	0	109.62
Taylor Springs	C. C. Redmon, New Hope.	10	23	21	26	13	42	135	0	0	0.00
Three Forks	S. W. Rogers. Taylorsville, R. 2.	6	15	0	20	15	75	125	90	10	18.33
White Plains	R. L. Grant, Taylorsville, R. 2.	0	0	0	0	0	0	101	0	0	23.00
	Totals	188	223	220	282	330	778	2941	196	85	$ 798.56

TABLE III

FINANCIAL

CHURCH	Pastors Salary	Other Objects	Ministerial Help	Minute Fund	Gifts to Co-op Program	Missions	Orphanage	Grand Total	Value of Church Property
Antioch	$ 53.41	$ 5.00	$ 26.76	$ 1.10	$ 3.35	$ .00	$ 22.45	$ 110.97	$ 1,000.00
Bethany	122.82	83.48	26.79	2.95	2.35	.00	23.06	171.45	
Bethel	51.75	0.00	21.00	1.50	0.00	12.65	6.25	91.65	
Bethlehem	263.14	110.12	26.25	1.50	.00	22.72	8.08	457.85	2,000.00
Concord	77.00	6.20	18.95	.60	1.35	.00	5.80	109.30	2,500.00
Damascus	76.50	162.72	30.75	2.85	6.12	66.55	15.76	361.25	1,500.00
Dover	71.02	.00	7.35	.80	.00	.00	36.05	150.27	500.00
East Taylorsville	158.83	25.00	25.00	2.00	.00	14.85	16.45	240.13	1,600.00
Fair View	30.26	.00	20.65	2.50	.00	9.19	3.25	70.85	800.00
Gay's Chapel		19.00	.00	.75	.00	5.00	4.00	36.00	1,000.00
Hiddenite	227.65	72.40	36.71	2.00	12.38	16.95	70.26	439.38	5,350.00
Lebanon									
Liledoun	107.00	.00	33.08	1.65	.00	1.40	7.70	150.23	
Linney's Grove	79.25	.00	21.58	1.60	.00	3.00	15.60	121.03	800.00
Little River	52.00	.00	.00	.50	.00	.00	.00	52.50	1,000.00
Macedonia	65.00	6.00	.00	1.25	.00	.00	.00	72.25	1,000.00
Millersville	84.48	.00	31.00	.90	.00	.00	9.19	125.57	3,000.00
Mt. Hermon	75.91	2.28	17.77	1.15	.00	2.26	15.03	114.39	
Mt. Olive	104.05	18.00	27.00	2.00	7.66	1.00	28.50	188.21	2,000.00
Mt. Nebo	40.41	5.00	.00	.00	.00	2.51	.00	47.42	
Mt. Hebron	.00	.00	25.00	.75	.00	2.46	.00	28.21	1.000.00
Pilgrim	.00	.00	20.00	1.50	.00	6.00	6.00	33.50	1.000.00
Pleasant Grove	88.19	.00	22.55	2.50	.00	34.02	8.50	153.76	1.500.00
Pleasant Hill	60.00	.00	25.00	3.00	.00	4.76	8.25	98.01	1.000.00
Poplar Springs	.00	.00	.00	.50	.00	.00	.00	.50	500.00
Sulphur Springs	218.11	29.30	18.00	3.16	.00	20.47	9.35	234.43	3.500.00
Stony Point	275.00	28.82	43.94	2.80	19.68	32.73	21.88	427.15	2.750.00
Smyrna	50.00	18.00	.00	.00	8.00	2.00	5.00	83.00	4.000.00
Taylorsville	405.70	67.72	.00	5.00	.00	62.56	00	540.98	8.000.00
Taylor Springs	77.80	5.00	38.00	2.00	4.45	16.00	4.00	137.25	1.500.00
Three Forks	102.62	8.33	43.27	2.00	.00	16.75	.00	172.97	1.500.00
White Plains	80.56	.00	19.67	1.60	.00	7.30	5.50	125.08	1,500.00

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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Antioch ---------- J. R. Keller
Bethel ---------- L. E. Barnes
Concord ---------- Jay Fox, Claude Gant
Dover ---------- F. A. Pennell
East Taylorsville ---------- B. F. Peeler
Hiddenite ---------- D. W. Pool
Lebanon ---------- W. J. Bumgarner, E. V. Bumgarner
Linneys Grove ---------- W. E. Linney, H. J. Ford
Mt. Hermon ---------- W. O. Johnson
Mt. Olive ---------- J. S. Stevenson
Stony Point ---------- W. T. Comer, C. C. Holland
Smyrna ---------- C. W. Teague
Taylorsville ---------- A. E. Watts
Taylor Springs ---------- L. T. Younger, D. C. Thompson
Three Forks ---------- Levi W. Teague
White Plains ---------- F. C. Friday

FIRST DAY WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10,1934

10:00 a. m. The Association was opened by singing, "All Hail The Power" prayer by Bro. J. B. Echerd.

ORGANIZATION

The order of business as outlined by the Nomination committee of a year ago was readopted.

Motion of Rev. C. C. Holland, the present officers were re-elected to hold office through the next association; to wit:
J. L. Gwaltney ---------- Moderator
R. B. McLeod ---------- Clerk
G. L. Chatham ---------- Historian and Treasurer

J. L. Watts, was appointed assistant treasurer.

The following churches were enrolled:
Bethany—E. E. Pool, C. J. Hendren, J. A. Castner
Dover—F. A. Pennell, Rowland Chapman, Edd Mooney
East Taylorsville—T. J. Fortner, Van Baker, P. H. Gooden
Little River—N. C. Deal, C. H. Robinette, J. T. Rogers
Liledoun—C. A. Smith, N. A. Fox, Clyde Robinson.
Millersville—Glenn Staford, Jackson Carrigan
Mt. Hermon—Walter Milstead, Vance Staford
Mt. Olive—H. S. Deal, R. T. Lowe, D. E. Davis
Mt. Hebron—C. C. Deal, Jacob Deal, Wilson Wike
Sulphur Springs—S. F. Cook, J. A. Campbell, John Teague
Stony Point—David Stewart, Stamy Adams, W. C. Grose
Taylorsville—A. C. Payne, G. B. Pennell, W. W. Harrington
Taylor Springs—D. L. Williams, J. M. Cass, L. T. Younger
Three Forks—S. W. Rogers
White Plains—G. L. Chatham, J. A. Robinette

The report on Religious Literature was called and read by Rev. C. C. Holland. It was discussed by Rev. C. C. Holland, who yielded part of his time to Miss Lucy Thompson who spoke in interest of B. Y. P. U. work in Alexander.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

It is indeed a true saying that we are known by the company we keep. Just as truly it might be said we are known by what we read. Tom Hood wrote in closing years of his life, my books have saved me from the prize ring, the dog pit, the gambling hell and the bar-room. Another paid his tribute to his books in these words, "If all the riches of the Indiese and all the crowns of all the kingdoms of Europe were laid at my feet in exchange of my books I should know which to choose."

Perhaps the most neglected of all religious literature today is the Bible. There are many books today, but as the great writer Sir Walter Scott, said in his dying hour "The Bible is the Book". It is the fountain head of all other worthwhile literature as well as art and government. One has said, "The book contains mind of God, state of man, way of salvation, doom of sinners".

Its dctrines are holy, precepts binding, histories true and decisions immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, practice it to be holy.

There is much literature today that ought to be boycotted and baned from our homes. Much that is immoral, degrading and much under the guise of religion that is dangerous Also there is literature that ought to be regular visitors to our homes that are strangers. For example the Forerunner, Charity and Children, and Bibiical Recorder are strangers in too many homes and churches.

If we would read more of our Baptist literature, we would know more about our Baptist work, if we know more we will care more, if we care more, we will do more.

The Sweeden Baptist have a foreign missionarv for every 600 members, and no doubt one of the greatest contributing factors to this achievement is that in every Sweedish Baptist home comes weekly a Baptist paper. If Southern Baptists would do as well, we would have around 6,000 missionaries instead of about 400. If Alexander Association did as well we would support about 9 missionaries, whereas we only partially suppport one.

Your committee would recommend in the light of the fact that any of our papers do not have the circulation they ought to have, and because of their value to our personal lives, homes and churches.

First: An effort be made by superintendents of each school that club of Charity and Children be placed in his school.

Second: A representative be appointed in each church to work for The Forerunner and Biblical Recorder.

C. C. Holland, for the committee.

The Moderator the following report.

Committee on Religious Exercise; pastor and Messengers of Little River church.

Digest of church letters: R. T. Lowe, Vance Stafford and Rowland Chapman.

Finance—G. L. Chatham, C. E. Echerd and J. S. Baker.
Nominations—A. E. Watts, E. V. Bumgarner and E. E. Pool

11:00 a. m. Sermon by Rev. E. V. Bumgarner: Text Eph.3: 15.

Intermission.

Delinquent churches were called for and the following were enrolled.

Antioch—Richard Jarvis, Vance W. Teague
Mt. Nebo—C. A. Burgess, J. F. Christopher
Damascus—C. E. King, R. N. Sloan, Maggie McLain
Pleasant Grove—Wasson Goforth, Troy Sloan, Lincoln Childers

Pilgrim—J. M. Querry, Weddie Campbell, John Miller
Poplar Springs—Lee James, W. L. Russell, B. W. Chapman
Hiddenite—D. F. Milstead, Carl Fox, Jacob Goble.

The report on orphanage was deferrred till later, and Giving its Doctrins and Practice was read by Rev. A. E. Watts, was discussed by Rev. A. E. Watts, and adopted as follows:

We find by searching God's word that Giving had its origin a long time ago. We find that Abraham, the father of the faithful and friend of God, paid tithes almost 4000 years ago,, which was a voluntary offering on his part. Later we find Jacob doing the same thing at Bethel. Evidently such giving pleased the Lord and he had it incorporated in the Law of Moses.

All through the Bible the duty of giving is urged. It is brought to our attention about 1800 times. Surely then, it is important and should encourage our earnest attention.

Giving is one of the Christian Graces and it should be cultivated and developed as diligently as the other graces. The worship of our Savior and King in the manger at Bethlehem began with gifts of gold frankinsence, and Myrrh.

We have in the writings of Paul a plain plan for giving In 1 Cor. 16: 2 he says: "Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him". In 2 Cor. 9: 7 he says: "God loveth a cheerful giver".

This scripture suggests:

1. Who should give. "Everyone."
2. When to give. "On the first day of the week".
3. How much we are to give. "As God hath prospered us."
4. How we are to give. "Cheerfully".

If the churches of our Association would follow, or practice, the instructions given by Paul it would solve all of our financial problems, and our reports would be much better.

Your committee would suggest to each pastor, and to the delegates from the different churches, to lead the way in the development and cultivation of this christian grace. We are indeed happy to know that some of the churches have shown marked increase in their gifts during the past year.

We would also urgently recommend that all offerings made for Bro. T. L. Blalock in China, be sent to him through our Associational Treasurer, so that an accurate record can be made and kept. Some of the churches send their offerings direct, and our treasurr has no record of them.

May we always remember and keep before us this thought, "That God loveth a cheerful giver".

Respectfully submitted,
A. E. Watts and C. E. Echerd

The Report on Orphanage was read by Bro. J. L. Gwaltney chairman, was discussed by Bro. A. C. Payne, J. L. Gwaltney, Rev. A. E. Watts, Bro. J. A. Robinette and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE ORPHANAGE

The 49th year of our orphanage at Thomasville, N. C., has passed with the usual gratifying success. The number of children cared for, as shown by the report of the institution filed May 8th 1934 during that year was 709 remaining in the institution at that date was 627. In addition to this number the Orphanage is giving aid through the Mothers Aid program to 172 children. Our children, all our children, are our greatest assets, and the only hope of the race; but neglected they become our liability and our dispatch. This

is particularly true of the children of the orphanage. There we open to them the door of hope and turn their young feet into paths of righteousness. We are rejoiced to know that the appointments there are such our orphans are trained for time and eternity. This is the work of the Baptist of North Carolina, and the obligation rests equally upon every member of our churches, and there is no way to escape this obligation without becoming a slacker in the work of the Lord. James tells us that pure and undefiled religion before God is to visit the widow and fatherless in their affliction and to keep yourself unspotted from the World. Christ said as much as you have done it unto one of the least of these my children you have done it unto me. These little ones represent Jesus. As you treat them, just so you treat Jesus. "Then take a child that needs your care, give him your love and let him share your happiness and you alone will own more joy than you have ever known. And what is more you'll come to feel that you are doing something real."

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. Gwaltney.

The report on Evangelism was called, the chairman not being present, the report on Temperance and Law Enforcement was read by Rev. E. V. Bumgarner, discussed by Rev. E. V. Bumgarner, Bro. E. E. Pool, J. A. Robinette and J. B. Echerd, and adopted.

TEMPERANCE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

Your committee would call our most earnest and serious attention to the awful increase in intemperance and drunkenness. At no time since the State or National Prohibition came into effect has there been so much drunkenness or so little regard for law and who sympathize with this worst of all evils try to justify its use by the word of God. Let us see the teachings of God's word about this vital matter.

Wine is a mocker and strong drink is rageing, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. Proverbs 20: 1. "Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who hath contentions? Who hath bablings? Who hath wounds without a cause? Who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine.". Look not upon the wine when it is red." "At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder."

Paul places drunkenness at the head of the list as he enumerates the work of the flesh, and temperance he places at the head of the list as he mentions the fruits of the Spirit. We mention a few of its evils as set forth in the Word. First it tends to prevent. For the drunkard and glutton shall come to proverty and drowsiness will clothe a man with rags, Prov. 23: 20.

Second. It defiles the body.

Third. It stupifies and besets.

Fourth. It obliterates heart and conscience.

Fifth. It breaks down the will.

Sixth. It destroys the soul and shuts man out of heaven.

As to law enforcement we your committee urge every christian citizen to co-operate with the law enforcement officers in pulling down this collossal evil.

We also urge the ministers of this Association and every laymen to rise in the strength of God and the law of our land, and check this evil that is wrecking homes, breaking human hearts and sending souls of our boys and girls down to rise no more.

Respectfully submitted,
E. V. Bumgarner, E. E. Pool.

The committee on Religious Exercise announced, sermon tomorrow by Rev. C. C. Holland.

Adjourned till 10:00 a. m. tomorrow.

After adjournment Bro. Greer of Mills Home arrived and delivered an excellent lecture on orphanage work.

SECOND DAY THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1934

10:00 a. m. The Association met as peradjournment. Prayer bf Bro. T. J. Fortner.

The following delinquent churches were enrolled.

Bethel—E. F. Millsaps, Maggie Green, Brace Barnette.

Macedonia—Roy Dagenhart, Charles Carrigan.

Smyrna—J. W. Perkins. Mrs. J. W. Perkins, B. W. Teague

Gays Chapel—W. G. Ellis, G. S. Deal, E. Y. Cashion.

Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The report on Evangelism was deferred, hoping the chairman would arrive

The Report on Missions was called, and read by Rev. F. A. Pennell, was discussed by Rev. F. A. Pennell, E. V. Bumgarner, Bro. T. J. Fortner, G. L. Chatham, J. A. Webster G. B. Pennell. J. L. Gwaltney and adopted.

Collection for Missions amount $14.00.

REPORT ON MISSIONS

It is provided in the Divine plan of saving a lost world that the gospel shall be preached to every creature. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" is just as bind ng on the church today as when given from Olivett's sacred heights. After 1900 years of Evangelistic efforts, earth's teaming millions may be described in the language of Paul in Eph. "Aliens from the common wealth of Isarel, strangers of the convenants of promise, without hope and without God in the world."

Shall we lay the charge of fa'lure to the Gospel? It is said to be "The power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." No, we should be just as consistent if we blamed water for some people going filthy and dirty. May the troubles not be in our not anchoring to the New Testament method of Evangeliz'ng the world? The Apostolic method is suggested by the following scripture: "For whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they preach except they be sent?" Romans 10: 15-15.

As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from them they sailed to Cypress. Acts. 13: 2-4. "And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region". And thence sailed to Antioch from whence they had been recommended to the Grace of God for the work which they had fulfilled. And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles. Acts 14: 26-27.

The world is lost unless the church of our day recovers the Apostolic type of Christianity at least in three of four directions: The Apostolic which was love; the Apostolic dynamic which is the power of the Holy Spirit.

Your committees believe our beloved Blalock is more nearly committed to this method than anyone we know, and we therefore urge that every church in the Association rally to him by a more regular and systematic giving to his support. If we fail here the loss is ours, for when a church ceases to be Evangelistic, it ceases to be Evangelical.

11:00 a. m. Sermon by Rev. C. C. Holland, text John 17: 9.

INTERMISSION

1:00 p. m. Call for delinquent churches and the following were enrolled.

Linneys Grove—J. T. Baker, L. A. Childers, B. P. Childers
Concord—N. R. Martin, F. E. Brankley, Lester Fox.

Pleasant Hill—Jeffie Daniels, Homer Daniels, Frank Gwaltney.

Lebanon—E. V. Bumbarner, G. W. Bumgarner.

Report on Sunday Schools was called and read by Rev. W. O. Johnson, chairman, was discussed by Rev. W. O. Johnson, J. A. Webster, Bro. T. J. Fortner, Rev. C. C. Holland and adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We your committee on Sunday Schools submit to you two thoughts for consideration.

1st. That every church should have a living, growing thriving Sunday school.

2nd. That the Sunday school should be given its rightful place in the church. With all that the Sunday school is doing, there is nothing that can take the place of the preaching of the gospel. There are some people who contend themselves with attending Sunday school and leave the church with out waiting to hear the gospel message. We believe that anyone not interested in hearing the gospel preached are really not worth much to the Sunday school nor the church. We would not feel like serving as pastor of a church whose members show so little respect for the gospel.

Not only should the church give her hearty support to the Sunday school, but we should try to reach interest and bring all the lost into the Sunday school, where we may teach them the word of God, which is able to make them will unto salvation. It is true that about 85 per cent of the converts reached in our revival meetings come from the Sunday schools. We plead that all of our churches in their efforts to advance the Kingdom, work will remember the importance of pressing the Sunday school work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. O. Johnson, S. I. Watts.

The Moderator appointed an Associational program committee to arrange a program for the Associational convention which meets on Saturday before the Fifth Sunday in March of next year, at Sulphur Springs church. The program will be announced in due time thrught the papers.

The report on Evangelism in the minutes of 1927 was read by R. B. McLeod, was discussed by R. B. McLeod, F. C. Friday, J. S. Stevenson, G. C. Teague, and adopted. We will print the report prepared by Rev. G. C. Teague for discussion.

EVANGELISM

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condem the world, but that the world through Him might be saved, He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God, John 3: 16-18. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost, Luke 19:10.

From the above scriptures we see the mission and purpose of Jesus coming into the world.

In Mark 16: 15-16 and in Matt. 28: 19 some of Jesus' last words and the great commission; Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. Go ye therefore and teach (or evangelize) all nations. In this great commission Jesus has commended us to go into all the world and do the work of evangelization, and in Acts 1: 8 he gave us the plan and program; and ye shall be witness unto me, both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. Paul in Romans 10:13, 14, 15 said for whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How shall they call upon him in whom they not believed? And shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent? It is an indisputable fact that our greatest task as christians is to win the lost to Christ.

In this report I shall mention but two types of evangelism, used by Jesus himself. First the group method, and second the personal or individual method. Jesus preached to the multitue, and also to Nicodemus, Zacchaeus and the woman at the well. The Apostles used these methods. In the main these methods are being used throughout the world by all the evangelistic denominations.

Therefore let us adopt the methods and program and beginning at Jerusalem, go into all the world with the gospel and win the lost to Christ. The fields are ripe and white already to harvest, millions are lost: Yea, millions do not know there is a Saviour. They have never even heard of him. They are doomed to eternal death without Christ. Some in our midst are lost, some more distant from us, and others by the millions far away. These souls are precious in the sight of God.

We want to recommend that more stress be laid on evangelism in our regular church service, and not depend all together on our revival meetings for the salvation of souls.

We further recommend that instead of every one trying to win one, that everyone try to win the whole world.

We further recommend that every pastor and Sunday school teacher preach and teach the full program of Christ and urge every one to give their loyal co-operation in carrying out his programs to the ends of the earth.

The repot on Hospitals were called and read by Rev. C. C. Holland chairman, was discussed by Rev. C. C. Holland, and adopted.

HOSPITALS

The Baptist hospital received its first patient May the 28, 1923. It was founded for the purpose of providing hospital treatment for the sick of the entire state, particularly for those who cannot pay for hospital treatment and that our own people may have a hospital under christian auspices and influence, where they may go and feel at home.

The hospital lost its honored as well as its first superintendent last year in the death of Dr. G. T. Lumpkin. The workers fall but the work goes on. The Baptist found a worthy successor to Dr. Lumpkin in Bro. Smith Hagman, who for several years was superintendent of schools in Watauga county.

He has around him a staff of sixty medical and surgical doctors. A specialist for any case at the call of the hospital day or night. Also there is a staff of forty-two nurses at the service of the patients.

There have been around 25,000 patients treated in these eleven years of service. The first six months of this year 1472 patients entered the hospital. Of these there were 981 full pay, 555 part pay, and 156 free. The cost of the free patients to the hospital was 14,676.00 for the first six months of the year to do this work.

The hospital has to depend largely on the Mothers Day offering. This year it was only $13,057.97. This was around $1600 less than it took to care for free patients, the first six months of the year.

Shall we have a pare in this noble service? Truly if we have part in the program of Jesus we dare not neglect the sick.

The healing of the sick occupied a large place in the Jesus' ministery, Mat. 4: 23; 9: 35; 8: 16, and Luke 9: 11 and at the last day he will remind us of such aid given or not given as the case may be, we had opportunity here, Mat. 25: 36-40.

If we faithfully do this task we shall be doing a work that is as kind, as human and as Christ like assending a fatherless or motherless child away to an orphanage. We shall be saving the father or mother for the child.

We would recomend that on Mothers Day this worthy cause be presented to our churches and Sunday schools and let them have an opportunity to share in this service for the Master.

Committee, C. C. Holland, and A. E. Watts

Spiritual State of the churches was read by Rev. E. V. Bumgarner was discussed by Rev. E. V. Bumgarner and adopted.

SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE CHURCHES

That we have sadly declined in Spirituality the most optimistic cannot gainsay or deny. It said there is no effort without a cause or causes. Where shall we look for the cause or causes for our spiritual declension?

1st. Let us begin with our ministry. The old addage says, "Like priest like people". Paul addressing the Romans said. "For I long to see you that I may impart to you some

spiritual gift to the end you may be established". Romans 1: 2. In order to impart a spiritual gift, the one imparting the gift must be spiritual and in order to be spiritual, one must be spirit born, and spirit filled.

2nd. In 1st Cor. 3: 1 Paul said, "And I brethern could not speak unto you as unto Spiritual but as unto carnal even as unto babes in Christ." By consulting the context here we find conditions that to often prevail in our churches today. "There were envying, strife and derisions among them". They were carnal and walked as men and thus deprived themselves of the strong spiritual meat Paul had for them and had to be continued on a milk diet.

3. There are to many dornes in our spiritual hives, too many sitters in the vineyard of the Lord. "Why stand ye all the day idle". Is the searching scriptural question.

4th. Too little reverence in God's house and his workshop. Again Paul said, "Let us have grace whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and Godly fear", and adds this very striking reason. "For our God is a consuming fire". Heb. 12: 28 and 29.

Your committee would suggest as a remedy for these ills a turning with a full purpose of heart to his son Christ Jesus as the rightful head over all things to the church; to His word as the man of our council and the rule of faith and the guide to our practice and lastly to the land marks set up by those who have gone on before.

Respectfully submitted, E. V. Bumgarner

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS

Missions—J. L. Gwaltney, Jack Keller, E. E. Pool

Giving, its doctrine and practice—C. C. Holland, R. B. McLeod

Temperance and Law Enforcement—C. E. Echerd, C. C. Holland

Orphanage—A. E. Watts, W. O. Johnson

Sunday Schools—Fred A. Pennell, E. V. Bumgarner

Evangelism—E. V. Bumgarner, B. F. Peeler

Religious Literature—A. C. Payne, J. W. Hendren

Baptist Training Union—Miss Lucy Thompson, A. E. Watts

Fundamental Doctrines—Levi W. Teague J. S. Stevenson

Hospitals—G. C. Teague, C. C. Holland.

MESSENGERS TO OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

Brier Creek—C. C. Holland.
South Yadkin—J. L. Gwaltney.
Caldwell—A. E. Watts.
Brushy Mountain—A. C. Payne.
Baptist State Convention—C. C. Holland, C. E. Echerd, and A. C. Payne.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Hiddenite Baptist church, Wednesday and Thursday before the Second Sunday in October 1935.

To Preach Annual sermon, C. C. Holland, Alternate Levi W. Teagut.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR 1935 ASSOCIATION

Wednesday

10:00—Roll call of churches, recognition of visitors, appointment of committees etc.
10:20—Fundamental doctrines.
10:50—Religious literature.
1:15—Annual sermon.
12:00—Intermission.
1:00—Call for delinquent churches, visitors etc.
1:10—Sunday schools.
1:50—Orphanage.
2:40—Evangelism.
3:15—Miscellaneous.

Thursday

10:00—Call for delinquent churches, visitors etc.
10:05—Giving its doctrine and practice.
10:45—Baptist training Union.
11:15—Sermon.
12:00—Intermission.
1:00—Annual election of officers.
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1:15—Missions.
2:00—Hospitals.
2:30—Temperance and law enforcement.
3:00—Miscellaneous.

The letters reported this year Baptisms 260, total membership of 5376, pastors salary, $4,007.77, grand total of all gifts from the churches to the amount of $8,304.96.

The Association extended the following resolution of thanks to the members of Little River church for their hospitality.

Resolved:

Thanks of the officers and messengers of the session of Alexander Baptist Association for 1934 are due and are hereby tendered to the members and organization of Little River for their gracious entertainment of all who attended the deliberation of this session.

We hope to meet you again will all Christ blood bought church at that great day for which all other days were made.

Adjourned till Wednesday before the second Sunday in October, 1935.

Dismissed by J. S. Stevenson.

OBITUARIES

Antioch—Mr. T. P. Benfield, Mr. Gwaltney Austin, Mr. H. J. Johnson, Mrs. Martha Teague, Mrs. Franey Baker, Mrs. Lela Teague.

Bethany—Mrs. B. J. Beard, Mr. J. B. Beard.

Bethel—Mr. Allen Childers, Mr. Samuel Williams.

Bethlehem—Mr. Lee White.

Damascus—Mr. J. R. C. Martin, Mrs. Mary Dobson, Miss Arvela Barkley.

Dover—Mr. Lee Pennell, Mr. Robert Teeter, Mrs. Grace Pennell, Mrs. Geneva Teague.

East Taylorsville—Mrs. Bulah Dancey.

Gays Chapel—Mr. R. H. Starrette.

Liledoun—Mr. Roby Teague.

Linneys Grove—Mr. J. T. Linney, Mr. J. S. Bowles, Mr. T. F. Gwaltney.

Little River—Mrs. Judie Mullis, Mr. I. A. Barnes.

Mt. Hebron—Mr. J. W. Bentley, Mrs. Larkin Bentley.

Mt. Nebo—Mrs. Abigail Harvell.

Mt. Olive—Mrs. David Munday.

Pleasant Grove—Mrs. M. A. Grant, Mr. J. W. Martin.

Sulphur Springs—Mr. W. W. Gryder, Mr. John Wilson, Mr. Issac Lackey.

Stony Point—Mr. Frank Combs, Mr. R. A. Johnson.

Taylor Springs—Miss Millie Dishman.

Three Forks—Mrs. Cloer Burgess.

White Plains—Deacon W. C. Kerley.

HISTORY OF LITTLE RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH

Little River church is situated about five and one half miles northwest of Taylorsville in a prosperous community whose hospitality is unsurpassed.

It is regretted by us all that the early records of this church has been lost, Nothing of the organization, presbytry, or charter members are on record, now. It is considered by most of the people to be the oldest Baptist church in the county. Traditional history gives the date of organization about the year of 1795, and it was known as Lower Little River, at that time, Wilkes county, later Alexander was formed from Wilkes, Iredell and Burke counties.

The first date on record of any business transaction is January 3rd, 1827, where the church voted to create a small treasury fund to defray expenses of the church, John Swain was appointed church treasurer, and the names of Thomas Watts, Archer Brown, Sion Harington, Brinsby Barnes James Robinette, Benjamin Watts, and W. M. Watts, are prominent on the list.

The old records are merely old and yellowed papers brittle with age, but filled with interesting data of how our forefathers conducted the service and guarded the name of Christ and His church.

The record begins in May 1833, we find a notation of Sion Harrington as church clerk.

The first consecutive record begins in July 1878 when James Kerley was called to the pastorate. A. D. Bumgarner was appointed church clerk.

In 1880, Rev. James Kerley was again called with Rev. J. Crouch as assistant pastor. Since that time the pastorate has been filled with a long list of illustrous soldiers of the cross.
In order as per the record:

Elders: J. P. Gwaltney, C. C. Pool, J. B. Pool, L. P. Gwaltney, J. M. Shaver, A. T. Pardue, W. J. Bumgarner, O. A. Keller, G. Z. Bumgarner, B. F. Austin, J. A. Abernathy, F. C. Watts, E. V. Bumgarner, B. F. Peeler. Finley C. Watts is the pastor at present and N. C. Deal is church clerk.

G. L. Chatham, Historian

WOMANS MISSIONARY UNION

Organizations	Members	Missions	Other causes	Total
Hiddenite—1	22	$3.35	$60.85	$64.20
Stony Point—3	52	17.50	120.50	120.50
Taylorsville—2	30		700.00	700.00

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Taylorsville—2	33
Stony Point—1	32

TREASURER'S REPORT

Following is a record of the funds that have passed through my hands during the past year, most of the orphanage funds have been sent direct to the Mills Home, some of the mission funds have been sent by the church treasurer direct to Bro. Blalock.

Please leave all mission funds with me, or with Bro. J. Lester Watts at the Watts store in Taylorsville. Thank you.

TREASURER'S REPORT Receipts for this Associational year as follows:	Missions	Orphanage	Minute Fun
Antioch	$	$	$ 1.00
Bethany	27.13		2.70
Bethel	14.03		1.45
Bethlehem	12.27	6.35	1.85
Concord			.45
Damascus	9.15		2.35
Dover	2.50		1.00
East Taylorsville	5.50		1.25
Fair View	11.43		3.50
Gays Chapel	9.78		1.00
Hiddenite	5.05		2.50
Lebanon	20.00		
Liledoun	1.55		1.00
Linneys Grove	6.00	1.55	1.70
Little River	6.50		1.35
Macedonia			1.50
Millersville			1.20
Ht. Herman	7.42		1.05
Mt. Olive	10.00		3.15
Mt. Nebo	4.00		.50
Mt. Hebron	4.17		.75
Pilgrim			2.00
Pleasant Grove	10.30		2.50
Pleasant Grove S. S.	13.21		
Pleasant Hill	15.36		2.85
Poplar Springs			.50
Sulphur Springs	4.20		1.60
Stony Point	57.02		2.50
Smyrna			.50
Taylorsville			5.00
Taylor Springs	3.60		1.20
Three Forks	12.28		2.65
White Plains	8.47		1.25
Moravian Falls	3.50		
Mrs. J. T. Furgeson	3.00		
R. B. McLeod	1.00		
Deposited in bank with no name	4.50		
Associational Collection	14.00		
Grand Total	305.92	7.90	53.55
Disbursements			
To Eld T. L. Blalock, Jan. 8	13.45		
To Eld. T. L. Blalock, March 20	33.97		
To Eld. T. L. Blalock, April 7	29.92		
To Eld. T. L. Blalock June 23	38.92		
To Eld. T. L. Blalock Oct. 13	179.09		
Total	$295.35		
Balance on hand	10.57		
To Mills Home Dec. 18		6.35	
To Mills Home Nov. 20		1.55	
To State Missions from Mt. Olive	2.00		
To R. B. McLeod for minutes			53.55
G. L. Chatham, Treasurer.			

TABLE 1—CRURCH AND POSTOFFICE

CHURCH	PASTOR AND POSTOFFICE	CLERK AND POSTOFFICE	When Constituted	Time of Preaching	Baptisms	Letters	Dismissions	Deaths	Total Membership
Antioch	G. C. Teague, Granite Falls	V. W. Teague, Taylorsville R. 4	1826	2	20	4	2	6	168
Bethany	A. E. Watts Taylorsville	E. E. Pool, Gilreath R. 1	1892	4	14	4	4	2	199
Bethel	S. I. Watts, Boomer	E. F. Millsaps, Hiddenite R. 1	1800	3	4	1	2	2	221
Bethlehem	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorssville	R. Lee Teague, Bentley	1871	1&3	11	1	8	1	283
Concord	T. E. Payne, Hudson	N. R. Martin, Stony Point	1852	2&4	17	3	2	3	243
Damascus	G. D. White, Statesville, R. 5	Maggie McLain, Statesville	1839	1	0	0	5	3	202
Dover	S. I. Watts, Boomer	F. A. Pennell, Taylorsville, R. 2	1833	4	19	2	3	4	225
East Taylorsville	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	R. L. Chamberlain, Taylorsville	1924	1&4	0	1	7	1	219
Fairview	G. D. White, Statesville, R. 5	J. W. Querry, Hiddenite	1921	3	0	0	0	0	105
Gays Chapel	S. G. Swann, Statesville, R. 1	W. G. Ellis, Statesville R. 1	1885	2&4	2	2	0	1	82
Hiddenite	C. C. Holland, Taylorsville	J. W. Hendren, Hiddenite	1915	1&4	11	1	0	0	000
Lebanon	E. V. Bumgarner, Taylorsville	G. W. Bumgarner, Taylorsville		4	0	0	0	0	89
Liledoun	S. I. Watts, Boomer	C. A. Smith, Taylorsville R. 2	1906	2&4	8	1	4	1	228
Linneys Grove	G. D. White, Statesville, R. 5	J. F. Baker, Hiddenite	1895	4	9	2	0	3	140
Little River	E. C. Watts, Purlear	N. C. Deal, Taylorsville R. 2.	1792	3	0	0	5	2	126
Macedonia	S. I. Watts, Boomer	W. P. Smith, Taylorsville		1	2	0	0	2	120
Millersville	W. O. Johnson, Taylorssville	J. H. Faircloth, Taylorsville	1923	1&3	5	1	1	0	84
Mt. Hermon	S. I. Watts, Boomer	P. E. Johnson, Taylorsville, R. 2	1912	2	8	4	2	0	200
Mt. Hebron	S. I. Watts, Boomer	C. C. Deal, Taylorssville, R. 2	1915	3	16	3	1	2	146
Mt. Nebo	J. S. Stevenson, Taylorsville	C. A. Burgess, Stony Point	1907	4	7	0	1	1	89
Mt. Olive	E. V. Bumgarner. Taylorsville	R. T. Lowe, Pores Knob	1865	2	3	2	4	1	168
Pilgrim	Noah Hays, North Wilkesboro	L. C. Millsaps, New Hope	1837	3	20	1	5	0	190
Pleasant Grove	L. E. Barnes, Hiddenite	Lincoln Childers, Stony Point	1837	4	5	0	1	2	125
Pleasant Hill	L. E. Barnes, Hiddenite	Jeffie Daniels, Taylorsville	1852	1	12	0	5	0	165
Poplar Springs	F. A. Pennell, Taylorsville	W. E. Crouch, Taylorsville, R. 2		1	11	5	1	0	217
Sulphur Springs	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	S. F. Cook, Hiddenite	1867	3	10	1	1	3	182
Stony Point	C. C. Holland, Taylorsville	W. C. Grose, Stony Point	1909	1&3	13	8	12	2	246
Smyrna	J. R. Keller, Hickory	B. W. Teague. Taylorsville	1923	1&3	2	0	2	0	76
Taylorsville	C. C. Holland, Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville	1851	2,3,4	26	21	3	0	266
Taylor Springs	G. D. White, Statesville R. 5	D. L. Williams. New Hope	1852	3	14	1	1	1	222
Three Forks	E. V. Bumgarner. Taylorsville	R. B. McLeod. Taylorsville R. 2	1857	3	0	1	2	1	350
White Plains	S. I. Watts, Boomer	P. M. Grant. Taylorsville R. 2	1912	2	11	0	6	1	000

TABLE II—SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCH	SUPERINTENDENT AND POSTOFFICES	Officers and Teachers	Beginners	Primary	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Total	Average	Baptisms from S. S.	Gifts
Antioch	Claud Keller, Taylorsville	10	22	18	24	31	23	57	185	101	17	$ 25.75
Bethany	C. J. Hendren, Pores Knob	6							118	82		
Bethel	E. F. Millsaps, Hiddenite								35			
Bethlehem	Howard J. Teague, Bentley	10	10	20	20	15	20	35	130	75	8	7.60
Concord	N. R. Martin, Stony Point	7	5	15	12	25	10	28	102	65		
Damascus	A. A. Leach, Statesville	5		5	8	7	16	10	51	36		
Dover	F. A. Pennell, Taylorsville			15	10	15		25	75	50	1	10.30
East Taylorsville	T. J. Fortner, Taylorsville									77		30.50
Fair View	W. B. Hendren, Hiddenite	8							109	50		9.84
Gays Chapel	Allen G. Starrette, Statesville	8	16	16	21	27		23	111	45	2	13.55
Hiddenite	D. Fred Milstead, Hiddenite		9	14	18	15	45	18	120	85	11	
Lebanon	L. G. Sweet, Taylorsville	4	6	10	10	20		30	80			
Liledoun	Carl Moose, Taylorsville	5		40	30	30		15	120	80		
Linneys Grove	A. E. Millsaps, Hiddenite	7							75	35	6	
Little River	T. Z. Webster, Taylorsville	5		10		18	4	12	49	36		
Macedonia	G. L. Chatham, Taylorsville											
Millersville	Glenn Stafford, Taylorsville									80		
Mt. Hermon	L. C. Echerd, Taylorsville	6	18	16	17		42	21	120	91	8	
Mt. Hebron	C. C. Deal, Taylorsville											
Mt. Nebo	J. D. Christopher, Stony Point	7		11	10		20	12	53	38	5	
Mt. Olive	T. S. Deal, Taylorsville	6	8	6		10	10	20	70	45	1	
Pilgrim	W. R. Fox, New Hope	7	7	7	12	18	18	15	78	64	4	
Pleasant Grove	L. S. Johnson, Stony Point	7		18		13		48	86	43	5	
Pleasant Hill	J. G. Deal, Taylorsville	12		24	18	26	25	37	137	100	6	
Poplar Springs	W. E. Crouch, Taylorsville	5		15		20		10	50	35		
Sulphur Springs	S. F. Cook, Hiddenite	9	10	8	33		46	20	126	68		
Stony Point	A. F. Ball, Stony Point	13							265	184	8	32.50
Smyrna	Mrs. J. W. Perkins Conover	8	6	10	12	12	9	10	70	40		
Taylorsville	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville	14	18	45	52	38	58	116	341	171	22	78 93
Taylor Springs	C. C. Redmon, New Hope								75		2	
Three Forks	S. W. Rogers, Taylorsville	6	15	20	20	15	20	20	116	75		3.00
White Plains	R. L. Grant, Taylorssville		8	12	12	23	19	54	128	65	9	10.00

TABLE—III

FINANCIAL

CHURCH

CHURCH	Pastors Salary	Other Objects	Ministerial Help	Minute Fund	Gifts to Co-op Program	Missions	Orphanage	Hospitals	Grand Total	Value of Church Property
Antioch	$ 70.44	$ 79.30	$ 35.00	$ 1.00	$ 9.25	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 3.75	$ 184.74	$1,000.00
Bethany	150.38	3.64	34.85	2.70	000	26.52	35.10	0.00	253.94	300.00
Bethel	91.68	000	20.00	000	,000	14.79	6.00	0.00	132.47	1,000.00
Bethlehem	288.53	26.22	37.00	1.85	0.00	12.27	6.35	0.00	380.22	2,000.00
Concord	85.00	28.00	0.00	.45	0.00	0.00	4.42	0.00	117.87	2,500.00
Damascus	85.45	20.80	37.35	2.35	0.00	62.40	16.01	0.00	229.76	1,500.00
Dover	90.00	83.68	17.00	1.00	0.00	2.50	7.80	0.00	200.98	500.00
East Taylorsville	174.42	35.50	21.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	21.80	0.00	283.26	1,600.00
Fair View	80.00	1.50	23.25	3.50	0.00	11.42	8.75	0.00	159.04	1,000.00
Gays Chapel	0.00	16.00	12.00	1.00	0.00	5.47	8.08	0.00	53.39	1,000.00
Hiddenite	188.07	0.00	44.75	2.50	46.45	18.65	64.25	12.50	364.62	5,350.00
Lebanon	70.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	108.00	000.00
Liledoun	115.43	44.30	25.25	1.00	0.00	1.55	0.00	0.00	203.13	000.00
Linneys Grove	107.05	0.00	34.00	1.75	0.00	6.00	8.75	0.00	145.80	800.00
Little River	63.28	10.00	0.00	1.35	0.00	5.00	3.00	0.00	171.63	1,000.00
Macedonia	75.00	5.00	20.00	1.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	101.50	1,000.00
Millersville	125.15	9.00	20.00	1.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	177.48	3,000.00
Mt. Hermon	90.00	3.42	24.00	1.05	0.00	7.82	22.40	0.00	173.20	000.00
Mt. Hebron	29.60	42.00	25.00	.75	0.00	4.17	0.00	0.00	105.69	1,000.00
Mt. Nebo	33.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	33.00	1,000.00
Mt. Olive	152.00	11.74	28.00	3.15	0.00	15.00	7.88	1.00	230.36	2,000.00
Pilgrim	0.00	154.88	20.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	176.88	1,500.00
Pleasant Grove	100.00	59.25	26.75	2.50	0.00	36.79	6.70	0.00	252.46	1,500.00
Pleasant Hill	53.50	3.00	30.00	2.85	0.00	15.36	3.60	0.00	103.49	1,000.00
Poplar Springs	58.00	16.00	11.00	.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	90.50	500.00
Sulphur Springs	228.68	16.50	26.00	1.60	.00	7.40	67.15	0.00	382.33	3,500.00
Stony Point	417.18	192.08	40.30	2.50	11.00	74.48	163.32	16.37	1487.54	2.750.00
Smyrna	100.00	12.07	15.00	.50	0.00	1.00	8.15	0.00	160.64	4,000.00
Taylorsville	470.55	1310.52	79.50	5.00	11.50	110.93	80.71	8.01	2168.44	10,000.00
Taylor Springs	91.35	29.17	52.35	1.20	0.00	15.60	6.41	0.00	196.08	1,500.00
Three Forks	190.94	13.85	39.34	2.65	0.00	12.64	0.00	0.00	274.42	1,000.00
White Plains	133.09	41.60	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.00	3.00	204.69	1,000.00
Total	4007.77	2265.65	799.29	47.40	78.80	497.76	563.63	44.63	8304.93	55,800.00

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